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Trick-or-Trust

Over 200 children did their trick-or-treating at Hamilton this Halloween as part of Trust Treat. Coordinated by the Newman Council, students throughout campus organize candy stops and haunted houses for professors' children and children from the Utica area. ***(See story page 2.)***

Officers contemplate screening students for off-campus housing privileges

by Sarah Karalunas '04
NEWS EDITOR

Student Assembly and the administration are in the early stages of creating a screening process for students who want to live off-campus.

The idea for a screening process comes, in part, as a response to Trustees' desire to eliminate off-campus housing completely. Trustees have begun to question whether allowing students to live off-campus is consistent with the Residential Life decision of 1995, said Interim Director of Student Activities Lisa Magnarelli.

"Many of the Trustees were generally unaware of the housing situation," said Magnarelli. She explained that defining the college as a "residential campus" in 1995 implied that students would not live off-campus unless there was a shortage of beds on campus.

However, the main impetuses for the new screening process are an increased number of complaints from people living in Clinton and the College's deteriorating relationship with the town, said Magnarelli.

"I don't think this [screening process] is in response to Trustees. It's our behavior downtown that's creating the need for this," said Magnarelli.

Because the screening process is still in the brainstorming stage, there are many different ideas about what criteria should be used and how the application process should work. Student Assembly leaders, Dean of Students Flossie Mitchell, and Magnarelli agree that people with a J-Board history should not be allowed to live off-campus.

"We wouldn't necessarily look all the way back to freshman year, but if there was a pattern, that could exclude the student from living in the village," said Magnarelli.

In addition, students have suggested that any student who would be on Judicial Probation during the semester that they want to live off campus should be excluded.

"We don't want to export our problems downtown," said Jeff Williams '02, one of the student representatives on a committee related to the Student Affairs Committee.

All four also would include some type of interview process for students wanting to live off-campus to find out why these students want to live in town. "We certainly wouldn't scrutinize their answers, but we want to hear something thoughtful, and it has to be better than, 'I want a place to hold my society meetings,'" said Magnarelli.

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Latest Jitney accident highlights need for driver training

by Kathleen McGrory '05
ASSOCIATE COPY EDITOR

A Hamilton College Jitney collided with another car on Friday, Oct. 26 at 4 p.m. while backing out of a parking spot at the NBT Bank in downtown Clinton. The accident, which is the fourth Jitney fender-bender to take place this semester, has prompted Physical Plant to re-examine the methods used to train Jitney drivers, as well as the consequences of such incidents.

The Jitney, which had no passengers aboard at the time of the accident, eventually left the scene with no need for repair.

"There were no personal injuries and no visible damage to the Jitney," explained Patricia Ingalls, director of Campus Safety. "However, there was damage to the other vehicle involved."

Although minor in scale, last week's incident was enough to catch the eye of both Physical Plant and Campus Safety. The accident, the fourth since Sept. 21, has created an unforeseen problem for campus administrators.

"It is unusual to have four incidents this early. We usually only have one or two, and they are usually spaced out through the semester," said Irene Brogan, assistant director of administrative services.

The accidents involving Jitneys occurred on Sept. 21, Sept. 29 and Oct. 26. In addition, the HAVOC van was involved in a collision on Oct. 11, said Brogran.

"Although no personal injuries resulted from the latest string of Jitney incidents, several vans have incurred minor damage," further explained Brogran, pointing out that the majority of damage has been to the other vehicles involved.

Hamilton College Jitney drivers have taken responsibility for a majority of accidents. "Our initial investigations indicate that in only one incident the driver of the other vehicle was at fault," Brogan said.

The unusually high number of accidents has pushed the administration to reform a number of Jitney policies, including, first and foremost, certification.

To be certified, a driver must have three years of licensed driving experience and a record free of any moving violations. "We ask the drivers to assure that his or her record can be checked by the Department of Motor Vehicles,"

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Coetzee to speak at 8 p.m. in Chapel

Will critique students' writing during afternoon master class

by Elizabeth Walczak '05
NEWS WRITER

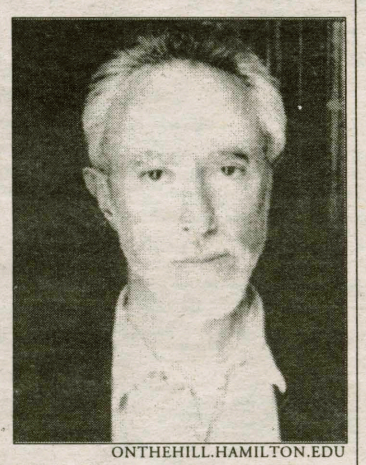
Tonight, Hamilton College will host a reading by one of the world's most accomplished writers. J.M. Coetzee will be reading selections from his award-winning fiction at 8 p.m. in the Chapel. In addition to reading some of his world-renowned writing, he will also be holding a master class on Friday from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. in Root Hall.

J.M. Coetzee, educated both in South Africa, where he was born, and the United States, has been the recipient of many nationally and internationally recognized awards. For his novel *Waiting for the Barbarians*, he received the CNA Prize, the Geoffrey Fabes Memorial Prize, and the James Tait Black Memorial Prize. He received the Prix Étranger Femina Prize and the Booker Prize for his novel *The Life and Times of Michael K.* The Booker Prize is similar to the Pulitzer Prize, but it is for all English-speaking nations. Coetzee also received the Booker Prize for his novel *Disgrace*. He was the first author to receive it twice.

In the master class Coetzee will critique stories written by Alex Venizelos '03, Amanda Just '02, and Taylor Mugford '03. Originally, the class was open to all students for observation, but because of the overwhelming number of students who showed interest, the number of student observers was limited to 30. Coetzee will conduct the class like a professor in a creative writing class and will critique the pieces in a way that will benefit both the writers and the observers.

Just, a creative writing major, is submitting a piece she wrote last year that she hopes to use in her senior project. "I am excited and nervous. This will be the first time someone outside my major has read my work," said Just. "I'm looking forward to [Coetzee] tearing apart my story and making improvements."

Professor Doran Larson of the English Department, who is involved in organizing the event, described Coetzee as "one of the best known and respected writers in the world." Coetzee's reading will be held at 8 p.m. on Friday in the chapel.



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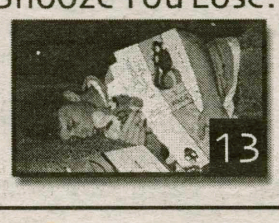

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Trusting kids turn to Hamilton for treats on Halloween

by Rebecca Fabricant '03
NEWS WRITER

It's that time again. The time for candy, pumpkins, ghosts, goblins, dressing-up, and trick-or-treating. But for Hamilton, Halloween also means "Trust Treat," an annual celebration that brings young trick-or-treaters to the Hamilton campus for Halloween festivities. Sponsored by the Newman Council, this year's program drew over 200 youngsters, some the children of Hamilton employees and others from the Utica community.

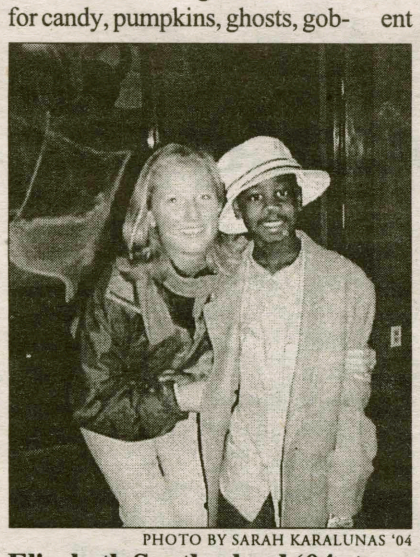

PHOTO BY SARAH KARALUNAS '04

Elizabeth Southerland '04 stops for candy in Milbank with one of her "Trust-Treaters."

Five buses staffed with volunteers from the rugby team went out to pick up children from different areas in Utica. The kids arrived on campus at about 5:45 and left at a little before 8.

Hamilton students served as guides for their young guests, escorting small groups around to the various candy stations, where Hamilton students, many in full costume, handed out candy to the kids. At some stations, the kids were entertained by magic tricks and games. Some residence halls and private societies also sponsored haunted houses for the bravest of the kids.

One young trick-or-treater, encouraged by her Hamilton guide, proudly announced, "I whacked one of the ghosts in North with my candy bag when he tried to scare me."

The Class of '93 established Trust Treat in memory of classmate Eric Trust, who died unexpectedly on Halloween day during his freshmen year at Hamilton in 1988. The event is sponsored by the Newman Council, Hamilton's Catholic student group, as part of its community service program. This year's Trust Treat was organized by Emily Backman '04, Kurt Mangold '02, and College Chaplain Jeffrey McArn.

The program enjoys support from a wide variety of sources; Student Assembly, 1992 Senior Gift, and the Syracuse Diocese of the Catholic Church all contribute to the funding of the program. Funds are used to buy candy and decorations, and to rent social spaces on campus. The Office of the Dean of Students chips in by providing dinner for student tourguides before the evening of trick-or-treating begins.

PHOTO BY SARAH KARALUNAS '04

Wait, that's not a little kid...It's fearless Trust Treat guide Mo Skywalker'03.

Although Backman commented that there could have been more student guides, she was pleased with the increase in the number of children from faculty and staff families. "There was a really good turnout of kids, and a lot of students participated in the candy stops and haunted houses," she said.

Backman was most pleased with the reaction of the kids. One eight-year-old boy exclaimed that it was his "best Halloween ever!"

Jessica Atcheson '03 agreed that the program was a resounding success. "The kids seemed to be really into it. They were all dressed up and having a lot of fun."

According to Charles Francis '02, a member of the Newman Council, "Trust Treat gives the whole Hamilton community a chance to provide a safe and happy environment for children to enjoy Halloween."

After the tired kids had departed with their bags of treats, Hamilton students still in a partying mood could turn their attention to other festivities. A costume party was held at The Little Pub from 8 P.M. to 2 A.M. Sponsored by The Pub-Entertainment Board, the event featured a costume contest with three prizes given out for best, scariest, and funniest Halloween costumes. The 1st place winner for "Best Overall Costume" was Maggie Hanson '02. The winner for "Funniest Costume" was Chris McCarthy '02, and finally, 1st place for "Scariest Costume" went to Harry Las.

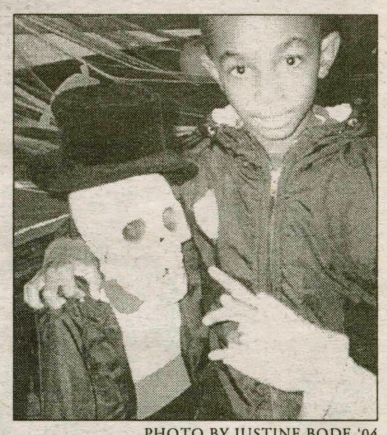

PHOTO BY JUSTINE BODE '04

Two of the many "ghoulish" kids who attended Trust Treat.

RA Councel proposing increased number of campus safety officers on duty

by Elizabeth Dolan '05
NEWS WRITER

In cooperation with the administration, the Board of Residential Advisers is currently writing a proposal to increase the number of campus safety officers on duty from the two to three. The RA Council's proposal, which has yet to be formalized, would ask to receive funds from the College to hire a third guard for the upcoming semester.

PHOTO BY LINDSAY GRIFFITHS '02

RAs would like to see three officers on duty to handle emergencies.

The student-initiated proposal is being created for the purpose of safety as well as convenience. It is the school's standard procedure to send both security officers onduty to any major emergency.

"The current two officers on campus is a very unsafe situation," said Bundy West RA Trevor Tompkins '04, one of the RAs actively involved in drafting the proposal. "We'd like to see another officer onduty to cover the rest of the campus while the remaining two officers are occupied and are unable to respond to an additional emergencys."

The plan will be especially convenient this winter in the case of fire evacuations. "All will truly appreciate campus security's promptness when the temperature falls and students are waiting to re-enter their dorms as security inspects those buildings evacuated due to fire alarms," said area coordinator Ryan Lovell. "An improvement in efficiency should be obvious to the Hamilton community after the addition of a third officer to the staff," he added.

Many RAs who support the proposal worry more about safety than convenience. "There's been many instances where I'm on call and something comes up that I can't handle. If I can't get ahold of someone [a campus safety officer] my job is pointless and so is theirs," said Shana Farer-Feld '03, an RA in South.

Although the RAs' proposal was conceived very early in the year, independent of the current vandalism on campus, Tompkins says that the additional guard may strengthen Campus Safety's ability to crack down on vandalism. "It is obvious that three officers can cover the campus better than two," he said. "Hopefully, they would be able to catch some of these people who feel the need to vandalize our campus in the act."

Adam Lalor '04, an RA in MIlback said, "I think its a great idea considering the amount of damage we have here in Milbank. I think it will greatly reduce the damage bills...having extra people on duty will allow for them to be in more places."

Currently, the RA council is formulating a proposal and awaiting the administration's feedback. The administration must now investigate whether the additional guard is not only desirable, but also necessary before they allocate funds for the extra position.

RAs, however, say that the adminidtration should not focus on the added costs: "Our safety shouldn't have a price. If that's their best arguement, then they should reconsider," said Farer-Feld.

Jitney in 4th accident

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said Steven Bellona, director of Physical Plant. "However, we are in the process of instituting a change such that the DMV will check, in advance, if the applicant has ever received a ticket. On a few occasions we have had people not state tickets on their application forms and make it relatively far through the process."

Physical Plant then goes through driving and safety procedures in a driving test described by Bellona as "relatively short." The test focuses on tasks particularly difficult for fifteen passenger vans, including parking and backing up.

In the wake of the recent accidents, however, Physical Plant has contemplated making the driving test harder, as well as mandating that drivers receive further instruction before driving a Hamilton College vehicle.

"Physical Plant recognizes the need for more training, especially in regards to backing up techniques and the use of mirrors to eliminate blind spots," Mr. Bellona said. "We are currently looking at training videos and other tools to assist us."

In addition, the administration has also proposed that filing accident reports become a more formal process, which would assist Physical Plant in taking the proper steps after an accident.

Currently, President Eugune Tobin, Physical Plant, and Campus Safety immediately view a case to decide if negligence was involved. "Next, it is determined if the person should be allowed to continue driving the Jitney, if he needs to receive additional training, or if this privilege will be revoked," Bellona stated. "If it was a traffic infraction or reckless driving, the privilege to drive the Jitney should be revoked."

According to the Instructions to Drivers of Hamilton College Vehicles, a list of rules and requirements distributed to all drivers of college vehicles by Administrative Services, "Qualifying as a Hamilton College driver is not a permanent entitlement. It means that you may be permitted to operate a Hamilton College vehicle in connection with officially sanctioned events so long as you do so in a safe and lawful manner."

However, the instructions presented by Administrative Services may not be enough to keep Jitney drivers and passengers safe. "The Program is prepared to respond in order to make sure that we are operating our vehicles safely," said Mr. Bellona.

Shawn Fortin '02, student co-coordinator of the Jitney, said the proposed policy may have unforeseen consequences. "Extra training is good, in the sense that it avoids drivers being fired. I also agree with making the test harder, but the problem is that we just don't have enough drivers," he explained, citing problems with not only hiring new drivers, but retaining current ones. "However, I do see the training as a safe alternative to just firing people."

President Tobin plans to meet with Physical Plant in November to discuss the issue from both sides.

IVORY TOWERS

THE NEWS AT COLLEGES ACROSS THE LAND

Compiled by Will Fuhrman '04

Universities hiring more married profs

(U-WIRE) ITHACA, N.Y. — Professors Kelly Zamudio and Harry Greene had a good deal going at University of California-Berkeley three years ago, before Cornell University lured the star biologists away by making job offers to both of them.

Zamudio, professor of ecology and evolutionary biology who studies population dynamics in reptiles and amphibians, had just finished her post-doctorate at Berkeley. She originally sought a job with the school because Greene, her husband, had been an established snake behavioral ecologist there for more than 20 years.

As Berkeley hesitated to offer Zamudio a position due to space constraints within the department, Cornell came calling and offered Zamudio a full-time professorship. Given Greene's prestige, it coated the package by offering him a tenured professorship as well.

Recognizing Zamudio's strong potential and afraid of losing Greene, Berkeley retaliated and also offered Zamudio a position. But it was too late to retain the couple, who already had set their sights on Ithaca, N.Y.

"We'd already grown attached to Ithaca, and we felt like Berkeley was too reactive to Cornell's offer," Greene said.

He admitted they were luckier than most couples they knew.

"Ultimately, we had a really hard decision to make between two really good schools," he added.

Zamudio said she knew of many cases where one trailing spouse had to unhappily settle for a second-rate job in academia.

"Cornell was very sensitive to our case," she said.

Bush visa plan leaves foreign students in limbo

(U-WIRE) MINNEAPOLIS — For now, Sulieman Nader attends the University of Minnesota on a scholarship from the government of Jordan.

But increased tracking of international student visas means Nader's scholarship program could be canceled, he said.

Nader is grandfathered in, so he will retain his scholarship until his education is complete. But if the Jordanian legislation is passed, no one will be able to take his place.

After passing the anti-terrorism package through Congress, President George W. Bush announced Tuesday student visas will be closely watched. Because the visas will be harder to obtain, many other countries could join Jordan in refusing to send students to the United States.

Nader, president of the Minnesota International Student Association, said the tracking is making students question and alter their educational paths.

"My scholarship program is going to be scrapped because of the types of restrictions. Because they think that a lot of people won't be able to get visas," Nader said. "I have heard of several students who have considered going home and some who hesitate even going to Canada or Mexico."

Northwestern alumni withhold money

CHICAGO (AP) — Some Northwestern University alumni are withholding donations after learning former Weather Underground radical Bernadine Dohrn is on the law school faculty.

She has been on the faculty for 10 years, but nobody complained until the recent release of a memoir her husband wrote about their days with the Weathermen, said Ronald Vanden Dorpel, vice president for development.

Northwestern said it will lose about $11,300 this year because of Dohrn, who is also director of its Children and Family Justice Center.

One law school graduate demanded and received a refund of his $1,000 donation, and 14 others informed the school they will withhold donations, Vanden Dorpel said.

WORLD NEWS

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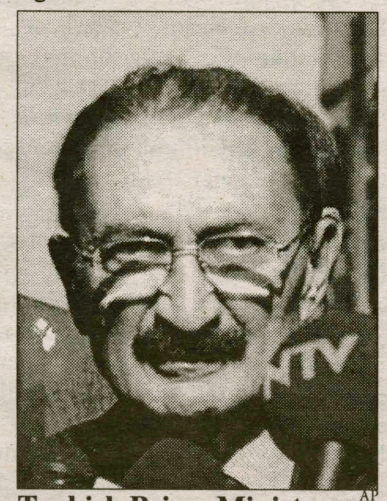
Turkey to send forces to Afghanistan

ANKARA, Turkey (AP) — Turkey, NATO's sole Muslim member, said Thursday it would dispatch special forces trained to fight guerrillas in mountainous terrain to Afghanistan to work with U.S. troops and anti-Taliban fighters.



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Turkish Prime Minister Bulent Ecevit speaks to the media in Ankara, Turkey.

With opinion surveys showing Turks are against sending troops to fight in an Islamic land, the decision by the pro-West government was a bold one, which could pay off in badly needed financial aid in one of Turkey's bleakest economic moments.

Turkey would become the only Muslim country to join the U.S.-led military campaign by sending 90 special forces troops in the war against Afghanistan's Taliban rulers and Osama bin Laden, the suspected mastermind of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks in the United States.

Moroccan King visits Western Sahara

DAKHLA, Western Sahara (AP) — Thousands of people, many shouting "Long Live the King!" greeted Morocco's King Mohammed VI as he walked through this Western Sahara city Thursday on a historic visit to the long-contested stretch of desert.

Hundreds of police and soldiers were deployed in the coastal city of Dakhla for Mohammed VI's first visit to Western Sahara — and the first by any Moroccan leader in 21 years.

The visit was timed to coincide with the 26th anniversary of the so-called Green March on the Western Sahara, when 350,000 Moroccans marched into the territory at the command of the late Moroccan King Hassan II.

Since gaining control of the mineral-rich territory in 1975, Morocco has had to wrestle with a feisty independence movement and fighting that ended in 1991 with a U.N.-negotiated cease-fire.

But there were no signs of tension Thursday in Dakhla, a city of 35,000 people located 1,200 miles south of the Moroccan capital, Rabat. It was the king's first stop on a two-day visit to the region.

Tropical storm Michelle kills four

TEGUCIGALPA, Honduras (AP) — Tropical Storm Michelle quickly gathered strength Thursday in the Caribbean, threatening to become a hurricane as it battered Honduras and Nicaragua with flash floods.

Flooding from the storm has already killed four and forced more than 115,000 people from their homes over the past week. Another 19 people were reported missing, seven in Honduras and 12 in Nicaragua.

Cuba issued a hurricane watch for the western part of the island, including Havana, and forecasters urged residents of the Florida Keys to keep an eye on the storm's progress.

Michelle had winds of 66 mph and was predicted to become a hurricane on Thursday, the U.S. National Hurricane Center in Miami reported. While its path remained uncertain, the storm could threaten the coasts of Mexico, the United States or Cuba.

In Honduras, the storm revived memories of 1998's much-stronger Hurricane Mitch, which killed 5,657 people and left $6.5 billion in damage.

"The rainfall being generated by the tropical storm are creating disaster situations similar to Hurricane Mitch on Honduras' Atlantic coast," said Juan Bendeck, head of the country's National Emergency Commission.

About 100,000 people in Honduras and 15,000 in Nicaragua were forced to flee their homes.

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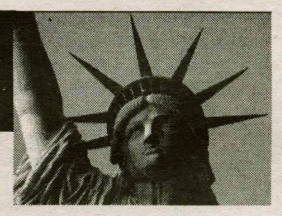

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Calif. says bridges may be targets

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Gov. Gray Davis said Thursday that law enforcement officials have "credible evidence" that terrorists may be targeting four California bridges, including the Golden Gate Bridge.

Citing information he said came from several law enforcement agencies, including the FBI, Davis said terrorists were plotting a rush-hour attack on the Golden Gate Bridge or Bay Bridge, both in San Francisco, the Vincent Thomas Bridge at the Port of Los Angeles, or the Coronado Bridge in San Diego.

He said attacks were planned between Friday and Nov. 9.

Security around the bridges has been heightened and involves personnel ranging from the U.S. Coast Guard to the California Highway Patrol.

"The best preparation is to let terrorists know, we know what you're up to, we're ready for you." Davis said at a press conference where he named a former FBI agent as his special adviser on state security issues.

Davis announced his appointment of George Vinson, a 23-year veteran of the FBI to the newly created post. Vinson, 57, previously served as assistant special agent in charge of the San Francisco office.

Bush increasing foreign contacts

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush, hoping to ease doubts at home and abroad about his anti-terrorism campaign, will meet with world leaders next week and take his case to the American people in two high-profile speeches.

Aides said Thursday the administration needs to do a better job of presenting Bush's arguments.

"The president thinks it's vitally important to make certain that the American people are kept informed about the nature of the threat that we face and the progress of our response," National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice said in outlining Bush schedule next week.

The events include:

— A speech outside Washington next Thursday, possibly during prime time, to discuss the government's defenses against terrorist acts, an area in which the administration has been facing tougher questions since the mysterious and deadly spread of anthrax.

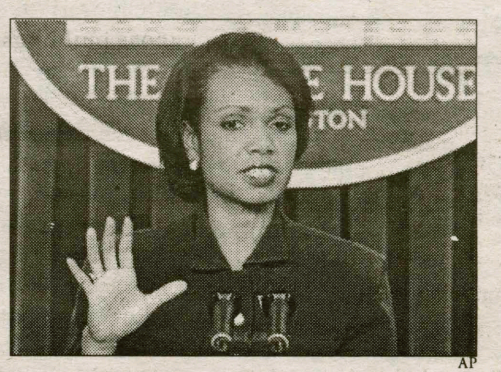
— Announcement next Wednesday of progress in the effort to dry up financial resources of terrorists.

— A speech by satellite on Tuesday to a Warsaw, Poland, gathering of Central European states.

In addition, Bush plans to meet in Washington with leaders of Britain, France, India, Brazil, Ireland and Algeria. Each plays a role in Bush's fragile coalition.

Bush pushes bioterrorism treaty

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush urged nations Thursday to prohibit the purchase or production of biological weapons for terrorist attacks, billing his efforts as an improvement to a 1972 germ warfare treaty that pits the United States against its allies.



AP

National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice briefs reporters.

The proposals, outlined in a two-page White House statement, came as the Bush administration grapples with a wave of anthrax cases in the aftermath of the Sept. 11 attacks.

"We know that the scourge of biological weapons has not been eradicated. Instead, the threat is growing," the president said. "All civilized nations reject as intolerable the use of disease and biological weapons as instruments of war and terror."

Bush administration takes step forward on NMD system

by Mithat Yaltir '03
NEWS WRITER

Condoleezza Rice, the White House national security adviser, announced that the Russian Federation agreed to back down from some of its objections to the National Missile Defense (NMD) system that the United States is developing. This is a political step forward for the Bush Administration took another, which is trying to establishing the system.

The Anti-ballistic missile (ABM) Treaty, a US-Soviet pact that bans development of national defense systems and bars the testing or deployment of sea-based missile-defense systems, as well as air- and space-based shields. The Pentagon postponed three missile-defense tests in order to avoid violating the treaty. Many countries, including China and US allies, are concerned that such defense system may ignite a new nuclear weapons arms race.

Professor of Computer Science Richard Decker believes that such concerns are justified. "Although the US officials are trying to persuade the world that the NMD is purely defensive, a system that can shoot missiles can shoot anything," Decker said.

The Bush Administration must convince the world that the NMD is safe before proceeding with the project. Besides worldwide pressure, the NMD project also faces financial constraint. The house transferred $400 million out of the $8 billion NMD budget to counter terrorism projects and bring the people behind the Sept. 11 attacks on to justice.

David Wright and Theodore Postol are two physicists who are skeptical about the NMD project. Wright is a researcher at the Union of Concerned Scientists and the MIT Security Program and Postol is professor of science, technology, and national security at MIT. In an article published in the Boston Globe, they list three vulnerabilities of the NMD project.

First, biological weapons can be divided in to several small bombs (called bomblets) and evade the defense system. Second, the nuclear missile could be disguised by an aluminum-coated Mylar balloon. In the case of a balloon covered nuclear weapon launched along with numerous decoy balloons, the system will be unable to distinguish the real bomb and will not be able to take down all of the balloons. Third, the bomb can be cooled with liquid nitrogen and thereby evade heat-seeking interceptors. Wright and Postal point out that these techniques are as old as the ballistic missiles and warn that there are many more techniques that could render the NMD useless.

The Pentagon replied by asking for more time. "The project must walk before it can run," the Pentagon said. However, the two physicists are convinced that the planned NMD will never be able to work against the aforementioned counter measures.

Professor of Computer Science Stuart Hirshfield believes testing the NMD will be another problem. "Testing such projects is usually done by means of simulation. That is, one writes a program that mimics the system, and then subjects the program to testing. Unfortunately, this implies the need to write software that will check to see if another program will work correctly," Hirshfield said.

Decker pointed out that arithmetic formed the basis of computation. "There are statements in arithmetic that cannot be proven true or false," Decker said. "Similar to mathematics, it is not possible to write a software that will always correctly test other software."

Hirshfield sees another problem with the NMD: "We are building a defense system that will protect us from the weapons of today. However, by the time the NMD starts to work, there will be new weapons. How are we going to make sure that these new weapons will not be able to penetrate the NMD?"

Screening considered for students who want to live off-campus

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Administrators would also like to include a minimal GPA requirement; however, some Student Assembly members disagree. "I don't think there's a correlation between kids' GPAs and their ability to be a good neighbor," said Byramjee.

Byramjee also stressed that the entire screening process is still in the discussion stages, and that no decisions would be made without further research. In addition, Magnarelli said that it was also possible that off-campus housing policies would remain as they are, or that off-campus housing would be eliminated completely; however, she hopes to avoid the latter consequence.

"I understand the need for off-campus housing. Some people want to pay their own bills, buy and cook their own food, and not be surrounded all the time by 50-200 people in a residence hall. They want to feel like adults," said Magnarelli, who pointed out that the majority of students off-campus have not had any problems with other town members. "It's the small majority of people living off-campus. And many times it's not the ones living in town at all, but other students who come as guests."

Magnarelli says she would not be "totally comfortable" eliminating off-campus housing until the College provided more comparable housing on-campus, including more apartment-style housing and suite-style housing. "I lived in Griffin Road, and it was great because you have a lot of independence, but also a much closer proximity to campus," she said.

Mitchell also sees many benefits to allowing students to live off campus. She points out that many students returning from abroad may have gotten used to a greater degree of independence and therefore may prefer to live off-campus. In addition, says Mitchell, "One of Hamilton's strength is the number of residential options we offer. We don't just have eight cookie-cutter dorms. Off-campus housing is an important part of our residential options."

In order to try and improve the town's relationship with the College, Byramjee, Ray Ash '02, president of Student Assembly, and the jitney coordinators will be attending a Village Trustees meeting in Clinton on Monday. They also plan to have a community meeting on campus and invite members of the town to raise concerns they might have. "We want them [people living in Clinton] to know that we're aware of the problem and that we're concerned because we want to have a good relationship with them," said Byramjee.

"Ideally, we would have no restrictions, but with all the problems we're having, it's a choice between taking off-campus living totally off line and having some kind of screening," added Byramjee.

Magnarelli said, "It's all in students' hands. Everyone needs to take responsibility. If you feel the need to scream the Brady Bunch theme on Elm Street at 3 a.m., just say no. It may seem harmless at the time, but that's the kind of thing that gets the police called."

Northern Ireland moves toward peace despite street violence

by Chris Takacs '05
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The Irish Republican Army (IRA) has agreed to begin dismantling its weapons, breaking the tense impasse over arms that stalled the 1998 peace agreement. Britain and Pro-British Protestant political leaders have swiftly taken steps to prove their commitment to the agreement by beginning to dismantle three military watchtowers and one base along the border between Ireland and Northern Ireland.

Britain's Northern Ireland Secretary, John Reid, told the House of Commons that the watchtowers, which to Catholics in Northern Ireland, have long been symbols of oppression and intrusion, were beginning to be taken down. He also stated that people facing charges related to the Protestant-Catholic conflict would no longer be sought, prosecuted, or extradited. Both these measures fall under the peace accords, which now seem finally to be getting off the ground after over two years delay.

David Trimble, head of the Ulster Unionist Party (UUP), resigned last week because of the IRA's reluctance to dismantle arms. He now seeks to return as the first minister of the Northern Ireland Assembly, and plans to reappoint other Ulster Unionists who quit for similar reasons. The recent agreement prevented a shutdown of government and the possible withdrawal of power back to London, an event that seemed immanent after the resignation of many top ministers. The UUP has approved Trimble's attempt to be re-elected, though his reentrance into office is not assured, as many unionist and loyalist members believe that the IRA has not gone far enough on decommissioning. Trimble, regarding the upcoming vote, told the UK's Press Association, "The stakes are high. The margin, I dare say, might be narrow but it's been narrow before, and in the famous words of Harold Wilson, `One vote is enough.'"

In the conflict over Northern Ireland, the Pro-British Protestants are called loyalists if they have connections to paramilitary groups, and unionists if they do not. The Irish Catholics are, likewise, called republicans (like the IRA) and nationalists.

The call for unilateral disarmament has not received such a warm welcome with other groups. Billy Hutchinson of the Progressive Unionist Party, which represents the Protestant paramilitary group, the Ulster Volunteer Force, stated that "for loyalists to reciprocate in terms of giving up weapons, they would be doing something just to satisfy Irish America, who they don't agree with in the first place." He said that his organization would not be following the IRA's lead in giving up caches of arms.

On the Irish side, many republicans have denounced the IRA for what they see as a "humiliating surrender," in the words of Ruairi O'Bradaigh, leader of anti-agreement Republican Sinn Fein.

Despite the continuing talks over peace, violence still seems to rule the streets of Northern Ireland. In Northern Belfast, tensions are high in a Protestant area that Catholic schoolgirls, aged 4 to 11, must walk through to get to school. Since the school year began in September, two demonstrations per day have been held along the road to the school. Early in September, schoolgirls and parents faced a barrage of stones and a homemade grenade as they walked to the school under police and army escort. Over 40 police officers were wounded in those early weeks. More recently, in the same area, rocks and petrol bombs have been hurled at Royal Ulster Constabulary (RUC–British military forces in Northern Ireland) officers, critically injuring one 18-year-old Welsh soldier. RUC Assistant Chief Constable Alan McQuillan blamed the loyalist Ulster Defense Association for the attack. Continuing violence such as this makes it more difficult for effective peace measures to be taken, and causes finger-pointing on both sides as to who is to blame.

"I see no reason whatsoever why there should be British troops in any part of my country, and, particularly in the almost eighth year of two IRA decisions, why people should have more contact with British troops than they had previously," said Sinn Fein President Gerry Adams. "So I want to see all that infrastructure removed."

"There are dissident republicans, people dissatisfied with this process; and of course loyalists continue to engage in violence as well, so they represent obstacles along the path to total normality here in Northern Ireland," responded RUC Chief Constable Ronnie Flanagan.

Editorial

As international tensions continue to escalate, we are reminded that cultural understanding is a foundation for successful relationships between countries. A liberal arts education provides students with unique opportunities to explore the world they live in and gain exposure to different types of cultures and societies. Given Hamilton's rural location, study abroad and the presence of international students on the Hill are two of the only means we have to create global discussions. Study abroad and international students are invaluable assets to our college and our country.

Many of us have been personally touched by the lives, stories, ideas, and company of international students during our time here. International perspectives have helped us to become more cognizant of our presence as members of a global community. Students from other countries serve as ambassadors to domestic Hamilton students. Through study abroad programs, domestic students can serve as ambassadors from our nation to other people throughout the world. Despite mounting safety concerns and international strife, students are not shying away from study abroad opportunities. This year almost two hundred Hamilton students will travel abroad. Another thirty students enrolled in the New York and Washington Programs will shed the familiarity of our campus in order to gain perspective on issues surrounding globalization.

The fact that study abroad numbers for the spring have not dropped from past year's means that many juniors continue to chose to immerse themselves in other customs, ideologies, and perspectives with our neighbors throughout the world, rather than to spend another semester with the routine and familiar surroundings here on the Hill. As the world becomes more tumultuous, we should hope that students will continue to travel abroad. Through their increased international understanding and respect, students set a tone for future relations with other countries.

Maintaining international understanding will be as vital to Hamilton's future as it will be to our country's. As a rural college we cannot succeed without ties to the world at large. The administration should work to increase the number of international students on campus. Students and faculty should strive to ensure that we maintain or increase the number of students who study away from the Hill for a portion of their time here. Now is the time to take steps toward increased understanding for the sake of a better tomorrow. It is our duty to serve our nation as champions of understanding.

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Strobe light triggers seizure

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A student suffered a grand mal seizure as a result of being exposed to two strobe lights in the "Jack the Ripper" room at in the Keehn Haunted House on Wednesday night. The student was transported by ambulance to Saint Luke's Hospital after Hamilton College EMTs responded to the call, said the President of Keehn, Laura Prenot '02. The patient was released early Thursday morning, said Prenot.

"It happened while the Haunted House was in progress. As soon as they realized what was happening, they stopped the Haunted House for about a half an hour until everything was okay - that the patient was off to the hospital. We continued the haunted house without the strobe light," said Prenot.

The patient said they had no history of epilepsy or seizures during a Spectator Interview.

Seizures and epilepsy will develop in 181,000 American each year according to the Epilepsy Foundation. 10% of the American population experience a seizure sometime during their lives, said the Foundation.

Anti-convulsive medications are used to treat known epilepsy patients, said Health Center Nurse Practitioner Sharon Dicks. There have been no previous cases of non-alcohol induced seizures during Dicks' six year tenure on campus.

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Insights & Ideas

Underestimated Aussies

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SPORTS EDITOR

The Study Abroad Office's recent decision to remove the University of Queensland from its approved schools list has spurned a number of rumors, the most popular being that the classes were too easy. According to the Dean of Students Office, the reason for cutting off Queensland was not based on the caliber of the classes but on the quality of the abroad experience; namely, there were too many Americans.

During the fall of my junior year, I spent six months studying at UQ, which is located in Brisbane, the capital of Queensland. Brisbane is located a half an hour from the Gold Coast and the Sunshine Coast, two world-renowned beaches for sun worshippers, surfers, and environmentalists alike. It is the third largest city in Australia, yet it is less populated than Westchester County. Queensland itself is home to the Great Barrier Reef and numerous national parks and wildlife preserves. From an environmental and ecological standpoint, Queensland is the hub of scientific study in northern Australia.

Queensland is often described as the "real Australia." In Sydney and Melbourne, two larger and more commercial cities, the laid-back attitude that Australians are famous for is slowly giving way to the quickened pace of a global market. Brisbane still has the unhurried feel of a city inhabited by people who know where they're going and realize that it doesn't matter how quickly they get there.

The best-attended event in Brisbane is the "Ecca" of Exhibition Day, when all of the farmers in Queensland descend upon the city to show off their award-winning cows and horses. Children are let out of school, banks close, and the entire city celebrates good, old-fashioned farm living.

This is the Queensland I knew. I don't remember seeing anyone wave an American flag at a rugby game, GAP didn't have stores in the mall, and the only glaringly American institution was McDonald's (but what country is complete without one?) In a state known for its authentic Australian qualities, it seems odd that the administration chose to stop allowing Hamilton students to study there.

Part of the argument that the Study Abroad office offered was that students were not receiving enough of an abroad experience. I challenge them to find more of one in an English-speaking country. From June to December, I was a 24-hour flight away from my family, friends, and school. It's a very sobering moment when you realize that if anything happened at home, you could not go back. And if you did choose to leave, you could not come back to Australia. It would take too long, would be too expensive, and the jet lag was horrendous.

Australia is like no other country I have ever been in, probably because it's the only country I've visited. The streets are clean, and the people are extremely friendly. In the beginning of the semester, a few of my friends took a wrong bus home from the Koala Preserve, and the bus driver went off the bus route and drove them home. That wouldn't happen in New York City. That wouldn't happen in Clinton either, but then again, we don't have buses.

As clichéd as it sounds, I learned more about myself and life in general in six months than I had in the previous twenty years. I learned how to surf, scuba dive, and play rugby. I jumped out of a plane and sailed a racing boat. I learned how to live with two kids I had never met before in a country I had never visited. When a possum got trapped in the wall between the kitchen and the living room, I had to deal with it. I learned to translate "Australian," because contrary to the Study Abroad Office's opinion, there is a language barrier. I learned about the great injustices against the Aboriginal people and the innovative steps Australians have taken to protect their beautiful country. And my experience reinforced what I had already suspected–that there is much more to life than fraternities and the Tavern.

Students at Hamilton are losing a great opportunity to learn about the Australian people in a beautiful locale. Like any study abroad experience, it is what you make of it. If you seek out Americans, you will spend your time with Americans. If you seek out Australians, you will spend your time with them. Students have a right to choose what experiences they will have.

Thumbs Up

- Blue stuff at Commons

- Good/Bad/Indifferent making us look even funnier than we already are

- Milbank 13's Trust Treat Haunted Hospital

- Jack Daniel's sponsoring Hamilton's Halloween parties

- Less than two years until Mary Kate and Ashley Olsen are legal

- Finally having social options on campus

- Seeing that girl in your chem class stripping at Peepers

Thumbs Down

- Getting carded by Sarge every five minutes at the Rok

- Seeing the sunset before snack time at Commons is over

- The sad state of Hamilton Athletics

- Miss America breaking tradition and switching to the one-piece bathing suit

- The Daily Bull jumping on the Thumbs Up/ Thumbs Down bandwaggon... who's next–Red Weather?

- "Zamboni guy's" new weapon of choice - the big red mop

Who Cares?

- Team Delta improving its record to 8-0

- The extravaganza that is the Anthro dig

- Naive freshmen believing the bold face lies told at the rush informational meeting (ex. DU has the highest GPA on campus)

- The chaos caused by TDX's month-early invites

- CAB continuing its "Early '90s Rappers Series" and bringing Rahzel of *The Roots* to campus

- Fun Mark's return to this column

by Lauren Reynolds '02, Dan Kaufmann '03, and Paul P. Jones '03

Greek Life For Dummies

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Ah, rush season. When innocent freshman boys and girls are cruelly led to believe that there truly is utopia to be found in Hamilton's Greek lifestyle. Well, we're here to inform all you aspiring, baby-faced brothers and sisters that those early evenings of candy-sharing, name-tagging, beer-drinking fun are the apex of the societal system. Rush functions are not, in any way, representative of the harsh underlying realities behind each society. With that in mind, here is an uncensored, uncut look inside each group.

Alpha Delta Phi: The key to being an AD brother is to perfect the art of turning your collar upward so as to accentuate its bright pink hue. And people don't think any less of you for doing so because they know you're simply too coked up to know any better. Shin guards and loafers also encouraged.

Chi Psi: Diversity is key here. You must master the art of being just normal enough to be known as the "nice guy" frat yet sketchy enough to be the possessor of some good hash at all times. Tough society to pin down–think Cal Ripken by day, Bob Marley by night.

Delta Kappa Epsilon: Mostly keep to themselves. They pop up for an occasional gin and juice at the firehouse yet mostly are satisfied with their relative underground status.

Delta Phi: Rich nerds. A poor man's AD, albeit much friendlier.

Delta Upsilon: Ex-football stars clinging to past high school glories, now a shell of their former selves. Drunk, overweight, unnecessarily confrontational. Okay, so some of you play basketball and may even be pretty good. So what? Just remember: when you're trapped in a room with 14 other pledges, half-naked with your ass shaved, you won't be too tough then, will you?

Psi Upsilon: It's all about self-promotion. You must let everyone know just how tough hockey players are by leading the league in campus damage. You pass the puck around just like you do your groupie chicks. And one more thing–just because you don't have the balls to throw a party doesn't mean you can turn the VT into your permanent social space. By the way, Canadian border patrol called; they want you guys back.

Sigma Phi: Who are you? We know you're among us somewhere, hiding in the shady corners of Café Opus and Keehn doing whatever it is that you do. We could say something clever here, but you're just too sketchy to even put a finger on it.

Theta Delta Chi: Sporting your trademark torn lacrosse shirt, scruffy hair protruding through your backwards UVA hat, you march one by one into Don's Rok seven nights a week, if you're not already bartending. The length of your bong directly correlates with the length of your hair. Despite being generally laid-back and fun-loving guys, your status as burnt-out former athletes leaves you somewhere between DU and Chi Psi.

Tau Kappa Epsilon: TKE=ITS. That's all you need to know. What are you gonna do, send us a virus?

Alpha Theta Chi: Oh, where to begin. With their pastel attire and overall trampy appearance, these sisters attempt to conquer their busy schedules of bar-hopping and guy-hopping without tarnishing their image of being "Daddy's little girl." Traveling in packs, these blond-haired, blue-eyed vixens can usually be found flaunting themselves at every Martin's Way bench and every Fro-Yo machine in sight. And they always remember to pack a toothbrush in preparation for that night's sleep-over with a society member of choice. But hey, after a few drinks we all wouldn't mind filling those shoes, right?

Gamma Xi: Okay, we've all heard the derogatory nicknames. "Grabba Thigh," "Gamma Zoo," whatever. Bottom line: no one really cares enough about you to even read this section, much less attend one of your God-awful parties.

Kappa Delta Omega: You're as cool as you are hot, and judging by the buzz surrounding each of your Bristol parties, you're neither. If you are generic and have no business being in a sorority, you're probably a member.

Phi Beta Chi: Secretly have an underground competition with ATX to see who can lure the most brothers into the bedroom. True veterans realize that they are outnumbered at the Tavern and instead stalk their prey at the Rok, which conveniently is just a hop, skip, and a jump from their own nearby brothel. TDX brothers, beware!

So there you have it, kids. That's everything you need to know heading into your societal hunting. But don't listen to us; follow your dreams and let us know how it all turns out.

*The opinions of the Insightful Independents do not necessarily reflect those of *The Spec*.

Miss America and Miss Afghanistan

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We are writing in response to the campus-wide e-mail entitled, "A Picture's Worth a Thousand Words," received on Oct. 25, 2001. This text compared the reigning Miss America to a stereotypical Afghani woman. Amy Greenan '04 wrote, "I can see where we have probably gone too far in our dress or lack thereof, but they completely demean women." The comparison of Miss America to Miss Afghanistan implies a dichotomy in which the construction of women in America is unquestioningly superior and flawless. We are undoubtedly concerned with the plight of women under the Taliban, and in no way discount their reality.

Yet this message obscures the reality of both American and Afghani women. We feel that the comparisons are fundamentally unsound in numerous ways. Specifically, Miss America is not representative of American women, but would more appropriately be named Miss Privileged White America. In support of that observation, we would like to argue the following points.

The text of the e-mail stated, *"Miss [Privileged White] America is a junior at Portland State University, hoping to eventually get a Master's Degree in Bioethics. Miss Afghanistan is prohibited from receiving any education at all, and cannot read or write."*

In actuality, not all American women have the opportunity, choice, or financial resources to pursue higher education. And, since the Taliban government has only been in control since 1996, many Afghani women have been educated in professional fields, know how to read and write, and, in fact, continue to teach their daughters today.

The pair of images that appeared in an all-campus email and struck a chord with many students.

"Miss [Privileged White] America will be traveling the nation nonstop during her reign. Miss Afghanistan cannot leave her house without a male family member, cannot drive, and cannot be out after dark."

There exists a cultural myth that the American woman is free. However, even though it is presumed that she can leave her house alone, still she lives under the constraint of the presence of violence both outside and inside her own home. Rape and domestic abuse are currently in epidemic proportions in America.

"Miss [Privileged White] America can date, marry, or divorce anyone she chooses. Miss Afghanistan will be stoned to death if caught in the company of a male outside of her family. She is likely to be sold into an arranged marriage to a man that already has two wives."

Not all American women can freely choose to date, marry, or divorce. Unfortunately, many American women marry for social and economic security, which in a way can be compared to being "bought." Also, lesbian couples do not have the ability in all fifty states to engage in marriage or such a union thereof.

"Miss [Privileged White] America wears sunscreen on the beach to keep from burning. Miss Afghanistan cannot live in a house with windows unless they are painted black. Since she must wear a burqua outside, her pale translucent skin has not seen a ray of sunlight in years".

Again, it is taken for granted that all American women have leisure time to sun themselves on the beach, and have the money to afford sunscreen. Many single mothers are raising children on their income alone, and in the daily struggle for survival do not have the time or inclination to spend precious time at the beach.

"Miss [Privileged White] America could have been disqualified if her swimsuit did not meet pageant standards. Miss Afghanistan can be flogged if the holes in the mesh covering her face are too large."

Judging women by their appearance in a bikini and high heels is a blatant example of commodification and objectification of the female body. Too often when a woman is raped, she is blamed for what she wears and how she presents her body. Miss Afghanistan is forced to cover her body because it is considered provocative, even dangerous, and she too is held to blame for anything carried out against her.

"Miss [Privileged White] America will decide how many children, if any, she wants to have. Miss Afghanistan will be pregnant 3-4 times more often than Miss America. Unfortunately, her babies are 25 times more likely to die in the first year."

In America today, birth control remains the right of women of privilege, while it is the duty of non-privileged/lower class women to limit reproduction. Procreation by the 'undesirable' classes is ensured through forced sterilization and a lack of safe and affordable contraception. Miss Privileged White America has the resources and access to choose birth control and/or abortion.

As you can see, assumptions made about American and Afghani women can be misleading. It is important to recognize the vast realities of women in America that are exaggerated through class distinctions. We must also acknowledge that even under Taliban control, Afghani women are still doctors, lawyers, and teachers, as well as caregivers and mothers, although they practice and share their knowledge more privately behind blackened windows. These women are not complacently passive, but continue to resist their oppression, though in a less public way.

"God Bless Miss America
God Help Miss Afghanistan."

What we should say is, "God bless and help American and Afghani women."

From *The Spectator*'s Mailbox

The Senior Gift Committee would like to respectfully respond to last week's *Spectator* editorial in which the staff decided to publish yet another poorly researched and factually inaccurate story in order to incite controversy. Whatever the case, their actions have necessitated this response from the entire Senior Gift Committee, comprised of approximately 60 seniors, including captains, vice-chairs, and two co-chairs, who all support the gift of a statue of the Hamilton Continental mascot as the class of 2002's gift to the College. Without responding in detail to every untruth mentioned in the editorial, we would like to simply take this opportunity to provide both a factual account of the process and a positive response to a couple of the legitimate concerns expressed in the editorial.

Contrary to the editorial staff's assertion that our decisions have been "trickled into the ears of the seniors," the process is and has been entirely candid and transparent. After a three week "suggestion period," during which over forty suggestions were received, the Senior Gift Committee narrowed down the ten most popular and feasible choices to be presented to Vice President of Communications and Development, Richard Tantillo. This was not done out of an attempt to censor people's views, but instead because he is in a position to know what type of gift is affordable, what may already be in the works, and what may actually be feasible. After this meeting, the Committee met and narrowed down our suggestions to the four most popular and realistic choices (i.e. a mechanical bull just is not feasible). These choices were then placed online and after seniors were given one week to vote, the choice of "a statue of the Hamilton College mascot" was announced at a kickoff reception attended by students and trustees. All the while, the idea of relating the statue to the recent tragedy by inscribing it with some form of acknowledgement came up time and again from seniors. Eventually, as we neared our 25% participation deadline–which if met guaranteed $1000 in matching funds from the Trustees–the Committee decided to use the statue to both strengthen community by hopefully inciting campus spirit and to remember one of the defining moments during our Hamilton career-the recent tragedy.

We do not object to the overall point of the *Spectator* article: that the process should be as democratic as possible. However, to connect our gift to being pro-war, to propose that a senior gift should be chosen by the entire student body, and to suggest that honoring the Hamilton family with this gift was done out of convenience reflects a misunderstanding of the process, which we hope our words have cleared up. Also, the notion that this statue will be the official Hamilton College memorial to the recent events is untrue and we suggest contacting Communications and Development if you would like to learn more about multiple ways the College plans to remember September 11. In terms of the senior gift, it is important to note that most of the details are still being worked out and most importantly, the decision on whether to even mention September 11 has been reviewed by the Committee. We thank the *Spectator* editorial staff for expediting a process that was already in motion, as our next planned step was already to allow the senior class to vote on the nature of the statue. To that end, another online vote, which will be announced to the senior class via e-mail in the coming days, will allow seniors to decide on whether they would like to acknowledge, memorialize, or even mention September 11 with our gift. That aside, the process will continue to be open, including Committee meetings, which are open to the entire senior class, and any concerns can also be addressed to the gift co-chairs. We encourage seniors to contact us personally or to make use of our website, http://onthehill.hamilton.edu/seniorgift. We would like to thank the volunteers who comprise the Committee and the 142 seniors who have already given. With your help, we were able to surpass our first participation goal, and we look forward to getting more people involved as we near our 50% participation deadline of December 3rd. Thank you.

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WEEKEND HOROSCOPES

Scorpio (October 23 - November 21)You are feeling really lucky this weekend. A trip to the casino should end that foolishness. Lucky Number: 13.

Sagittarius(November 22 - December 20) It's hard being sneaky, but if anyone can do it, you can! Lucky Accessory: Dark Sunglasses.

Capricorn (December 21 - January 19) Congratulations, you survived another week. Lucky Month: November.

Aquarius (January 20 - February 17) Your room smells a little funky this weekend. Go out and buy many scented candles. Lucky Store: Wicks 'n' Sticks.

Pisces (February 18 - March 19) Snood is taking up too much of your life. This weekend turn off your computer screen and try a new hobby. Lucky appliance: Television.

Aries (March 20 - April 19) Everybody wants to be your friend, so keep bribing them with that leftover Halloween candy, it's working. Lucky Food: Snickers.

Taurus (April 20 - May 19) Now is the time to make use of your musical talents. Join that washtub band you've been dreaming of. Lucky Instrument: Banjo.

Gemini (May 20 - June 20) Time to call Mom and Dad for some more cash. You really need that: coat, dress, car. Choose one. Lucky Card: Visa.

Cancer (June 21 - July 21) Didn't you read last weekend's horoscope? I'm very disappointed in you. Luckily, your charisma has not worn off yet this time I mean it: go get 'em! Lucky Color: Orange.

Leo (July 22 - August 22) Don't go unnoticed this weekend; make sure you talk really loudly while drunk. Lucky Place: Martin's Way.

Virgo (August 23 - September 21) In honor of Halloween and *The Rocky Horror Picture Show*, let's do the time warp again: pull out your retro-gear. Lucky Decade: The '70s.

Libra (September 22 - October 22) I understand quarters are hard to come by, but please just do your laundry. Lucky Clothing: Clean Underwear.

Let's Get On the Bandwagon

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In the literal sense a bandwagon is defined as a wagon for a band to ride in; however, the more understood meaning of the term implies the popular or apparently winning side. Jumping on the bandwagon is a fairly common practice and usually means that the jumper has little to no concept of individualism or set of tastes for themselves. Otherwise known as front-running, practices include sporting your favorite Yankees hat, having been a Mets fan all your life, displaying your patriotism with flags on your house, car, and business; or even creating your own version of Thumbs Up, Thumbs Down.

Some would disagree that patriotism in America today is a bandwagon-esque practice; they would probably argue that it's merely a genuine spread of displays of nationalistic pride. But every time I surf the web and about a half-dozen flag-buying websites pop up at me, I can't help but think that the people who are sucked into buying flags are simply hopping right on. So maybe because "bandwagoning" implies such a strong idea of mindless following, we shouldn't throw the term out loosely. Nevertheless, it is with weary unsuredness that I use the term "bandwagoning" with patriotism.

Everywhere I go, I see flags. I hear people who proclaim their pride. They stand by their convictions of military action in the face of support for the cause, not solely because they feel that Afghanistan needs to be attacked or because the lives taken on September 11 must be avenged, but because it is the fashionable or trendy thing to declare. Conversely, I feel that those who accuse pacifists of jumping on the peace bandwagon are confused, because it appears that a small minority of people on this campus in particular are brave enough to speak the voice of the unpopular sentiment. I commend the select few who brazenly jump off the bandwagon.

In general, I think those of us who are not passengers on the wagon itself can do nothing about those who are so willing to mount it. All we can do is snicker to ourselves, keep our comments inside, and converse with our fellow non-passengers about how we must always remain individuals and stand by our personal beliefs.

Totally off the topic but not totally irrelevant to bandwagoning is the idea of team support in the times of playoffs, championships, etc. I remember when Gonzaga went real far in the March Madness tournament. They were true underdogs; nobody had ever heard of them until they won it big. However, the next day a kid in my Calculus class showed up with a crisp, white, brand new, store-folds-still-on-it, Gonzaga t-shirt. This is a classic example of the kind of people who will follow a trend simply for its popular cultural acceptance.

So I will continue to be a Red Sox fan, a pacifist, and an editor for the most controversial section in the Spectator; including trying new features and forums for voices to be heard. I will never follow a trend simply for its pop culture significance. I encourage the Hamilton student body to do this too. Have your own point of view and be proud of the lack of support you get for your opinions.

Time to Hang Up Cell Phones

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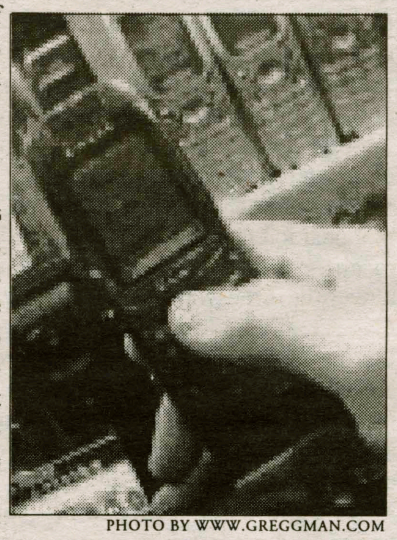
At first, I thought that a horrible psychiatric disease plagued the Hamilton campus. Everywhere I went, there were people walking down paths, talking to themselves while clutching one ear. It was unnerving. I was about to alert the Health Center when I realized what the real epidemic was: cell phones.

I'm not saying that cell phone use isn't widespread everywhere. As a freshman here, the lack of public cell phone use on campus surprised me. I couldn't walk around my high school after class hours without hearing someone's backpack ring, and it's the same in any public place. I came to think of Hamilton as a nice, comfortable cell-phone-free zone, but then the plague descended. Gratuitous public cell phone usage has arrived and is not going away.

I know about prepaid calling plans and family calling plans. I know how it's often cheaper to use a cell phone than to pay regular long distance. I know how it's tough to get a signal inside stone buildings. However, let's face it: you still look obnoxious. How obnoxious? Let's analyze a few different on-campus cell phone scenarios.

(1) Calling anywhere while walking down paths

I hate to break it to you, but you are a college student. You are not a powerful executive. You may be one someday, and that's great, but you're not one yet. When you walk down a path, you should be reading enthralling CAB chalkings, saying hi to your friends, or avoiding eye contact with your hookup from last Friday night. You have the rest of your life to show off how busy you pretend to be.



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(2) Calling the light side from the dark side

I sincerely hope that this has never happened. But. Just in case anyone thinks about it.

If you want to pay to call South from the McEwen breezeway, you're automatically obnoxious. Add ten obnoxiousness points for calling someone on campus from an on-campus party.

(3) Freshmen calling home

If you do this on your cell phone in public, you deserve to be put in a box and shipped back to high school. No exceptions. It's more mature to carry around a teddy bear and security blanket. Even a family emergency can wait until you get back to your room.

(4) Walking to class "with" an out-of-state significant other

A certain *Spectator* editor may be guilty of this particular cell phone crime, but that doesn't make it any less stupid. If you want to talk while you walk to class together, you might want to consider–oh, I don't know, maybe *going to the same college*?

(5) Acknowledging that accepting calls in public is obnoxious-yet still leaving the phone on.

Self-explanatory. If you really think you're obnoxious, cancel your calling plan.

(6) Getting booty calls downtown on your cell phone

A classic Thumbs Up/ Thumbs Down, this may in fact be the only acceptable use for a Hamilton student's cell phone.

Most likely, cell phone use on campus will never go away. Someday, Hamilton students will totally ignore each other, each concentrating on his or her own wireless connection to the world off the Hill, on the other side of the Hill or possibly right behind him on the path. I hate to stop the progression of technology, and at least cell phone use while walking is safer than using it while driving. Which doesn't make it any less annoying.

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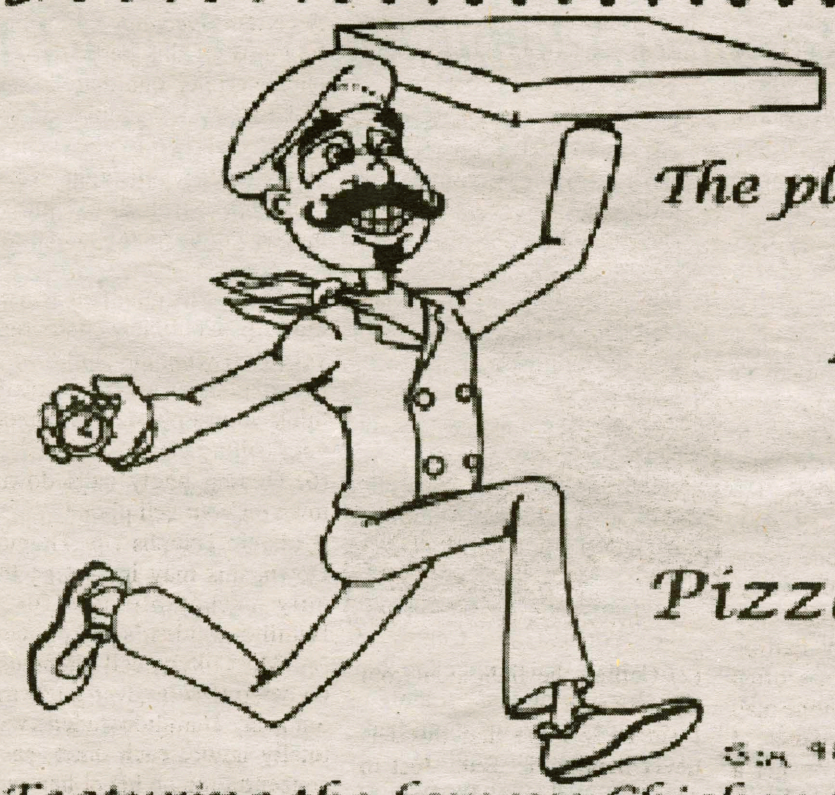

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Students attend New England Endocrine Conference

Sarah McNeil chronicles her summer research experience

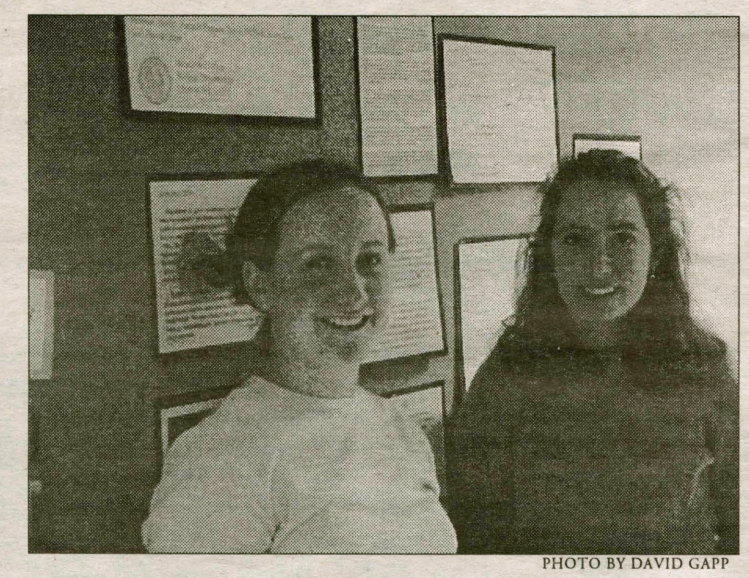
by Sarah McNeil '04
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Every summer about 100 students stay on campus to do everything from painting for physical plant to researching pKa values for the chemistry department.

The whole idea of staying on campus for the summer seemed pretty good to me. I wouldn't have to live in my parents' new apartment, I'd get to be on campus with no commitments after five, and maybe I'd get to do something fun. I decided to give it a try.

I chose to do research with Professor of Biology, David Gapp. The chance to do fieldwork and collect turtles was the main attraction. My project would involve research on hormone-induced contractions of the cloacal bursa, and excess urinary bladder in painted turtles. Hannah Stahle, Angela Pagano, and Katie Lee, also spent their summer researching smooth muscle contractions of the painted turtle with Gapp.

The summer proved to be full of new experiences. We fell into Utica Marsh several times while collecting turtles, happened upon rarely seen nest destruction, got published in *Herpetological Review*, became "certified" alligator wranglers, and even hatched our own baby snapping turtles.



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Sarah McNeil and Hannah Stahle stand in front of their summer research poster.

The climax for the Gapp Lab, however, was the opportunity to present our research at the New England Endocrinology Conference. Last weekend Hannah Stahle, Angela Pagano, and I drove to the University of Connecticut with Professor Gapp to participate in a gathering of encrinology experts. Hamilton College was represented alongside Dartmouth, Harvard, and Oxford University, just to name a few. The small size and friendly atmostphere of the event made the endocrinology conference somewhat of a stepping-stone for masters students and post-docs.

The conference consisted of several poster presentations as well as many podium presentations by graduate students and endocrinologists alike. Most speakers treated their podium presentations as a practice run, getting ready for more "important" talks in front of thousands of people. Despite the comparatively laid back atmosphere, I was impressed by the content and the professionalism in each presentation.

In comparision to everyone else at the conference, my knowledge of endocrinology seemed lacking, although we prided ourselves in being the only undergraduates in attendance.

While the conference was a great experience, it was slightly daunting. Everyone else in the room had done thousands of hours of research in the lab in specific areas of endocrinology, most using techniques and procedures unfamiliar to me. Despite this, however, the presentations were relatively easy to understand and the results were clear.

Over the course of the day we heard presentations from graduate students, post-docs, and Professors summarizing research on birds, fish, mammals, and amphibians.

Fortunately, we were there to represent the class of reptiles with two posters. One poster chronicled our first experiment, which outlined hormone induced intestinal smooth muscle contraction in the gut of the painted turtle. Our second poster examined the post-prandial secretions of glucose, amino acids, and gastrin in the gut of the American alligator.

While we attended our posters, Professor Gapp updated his discovery of a diabetes-like syndrome in a population of snapping turtles in Utica Marsh.

Although the conference was overwhelming at times, it was definitely a great opportunity. From the presentations that I attended, I learned lots about the types of research being done in labs across America.

Each presentation taught me more about the academic and scientific community of which I someday hope to be a part of. Most important to me, however, was the connections that I made and the people that I met. We met the "Godfather" of comparative endocrinology, Ian Callard, among others, such as a Professor for Dartmouth Medical.

Overall, I was impressed with the conference and look forward to attending more in the future. I aspire to someday gain the incredible knowledge and understanding that all of the endocrinologists at the conference exhibited, and found my interest in biology renewed.

I'm glad that I had the opportunity to go to the New England Endocrinology Conference. Enthusiasm, even if it involves turtle intestine or guinea pig genes, can never hurt.

EPA reports on WTC wreckage: Cause for concern?

The Spectator *talks to Acting Deputy Regional Administrator of the EPA*

by Kristin Patrick '03
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Recent tests performed by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) have shown that high levels of toxic chemicals continue to be released by the World Trade Center wreckage, troubling experts and raising questions about the environmental safety of downtown Manhattan.

In the immediate vicinity of the debris, the EPA has detected dioxins, PCBs (polychlorinated biphenyls), benzene, lead and chromium, chemicals which are detrimental to human health at high exposure levels, at levels that far exceed national safety standards.

One reading taken on October 11, one month following the collapse of the towers, showed levels of benzene, a known carcinogen, that were 58 times higher than the United States Occupational Safety and Health Administration's exposure limit.

The EPA report also describes the detection of elevated magnitudes of metal contaminants in the Hudson River and in water runoff following rains. These metals include chromium, copper, lead and zinc-all of which are known to pose a health risk to humans. Notably, chromium is a carcinogen, which can cause kidney and liver damage at high exposure levels. Lead over-exposure can cause damage to the nervous system, the kidneys and the reproductive system.

This has brought the safety of the cleanup crews and inhabitants of downtown Manhattan under scrutiny.

However, the EPA maintains that it has not detected any levels of pollutants from the fire and building collapses that are of any immediate concern to the general public.

EPA officials contend that although levels of toxic chemicals and metals at some regions of the site are high, these levels of toxicity decrease dramatically outside the restricted zone.

Asbestos readings taken from ground zero earlier this week showed less than 70 structures per millimeter squared, which is the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act standard for allowing children back into school buildings following asbestos removal activities. Since the attack, 1383 air samples have been collected from lower Manhattan; only 28 of them showing levels of asbestos above the standard.

Dioxin levels at several downtown locations showed results above a level at which EPA would take some type of action to reduce people's exposure, based on a 30-year exposure period. Long-term exposure to dioxins can cause cancer, liver and skin disease.

However, if considered in terms of a one-year exposure none of the samples were above guideline standards. These levels, says the EPA, do not pose a short-term threat, though monitoring these levels in the future should and will be pursued.

In a communication with *the Spectator,* Kathleen Callahan, Acting Deputy Regional Administrator of the EPA Region II voiced her conviction that these emissions are not cause for alarm. "People living or working outside of ground zero in downtown Manhattan are not at signficant long-term risk."

Callahan, who has directed the World Trade Center response program since the September 11 attacks, maintains that cleanup crews should take certain safety precautions.

"The data we have suggests that workers on ground zero should continue to wear protective gear."

In response to reported health problems caused by emissions and particulate matter, Callahan says "people may feel uncomfortable, experience eye irritation, or sore throats...we have been assured by health officials that these are short-term, acute, reversible effects."

She told the Spectator there are 30 downtown asbestos and small particulate monitors, as well as 10 monitors of dioxins, PCBs, and metals. Data collection from these stations will continue in future months.

The EPA contends that adequate safety precautions are being taken and cleanup crews are at a minimal risk of long-term damage from chemical exposure. Workers in the restricted site wear protective gear and use respirators, as dictated by EPA regulations.

New York Health Department officials say they have not seen any increase in hospital admissions that could be correlated with wreckage emissions, supporting EPA statements on the relative safety of the air in downtown Manhattan.

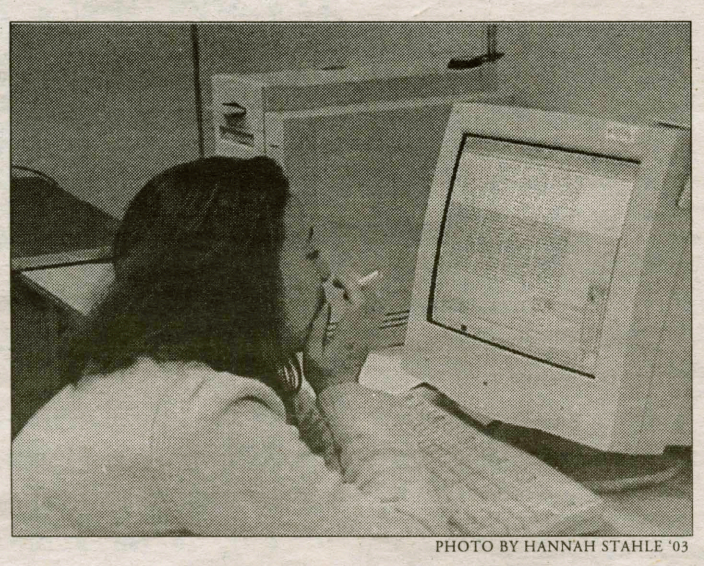
Lozenge improves smokers' chances of quitting

by Kristin Patrick '03
SCIENCE EDITOR

A recent study has shown that consumption of a new lozenge can triple smokers' chances of successfully quitting.

The lozenge, NiQuitin CQ, manufactured by the pharmaceutical company GlaxoSmithKline Consumer Healthcare, shows promise to be more effective than other types of nicotine replacement therapy, surpassing the efficacy of nicotine patches, gum, inhalers, and nasal sprays.

The study, in which more than 1,800 smokers in Great Britain and the United States were examined, showed that the lozenges reduced smokers' cigarette cravings in the first week by 23 percent. Moreover, smokers who were provided the NiQuitin CQ were three times more likely to stop smoking than were those who took a placebo.



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The success of this new treatment comes in the nick of time: science editor Kristin Patrick has taken up chain smoking in response to the lack of science writers.

Past studies of other nicotine replacement therapies, such as patches, gum, inhalers, and nasal sprays, have shown them to be less than twice as effective as a placebo in helping smokers quit.

The lozenges are a form of nicotine replacement therapy (NRT). Supporters of the treatment maintain that administering small doses of nicotine, the addictive substance in tobacco, to a smoker will mitigate withdrawal symptoms, thereby decreasing one's cravings to smoke a cigarette. Gradually decreased over a period of ten to twelve weeks, dosages of NiQuitin are believed to overcome smokers' physical dependence on nicotine.

The lozenges are available in two doses-2 and 4 mg. It is suggested that individuals who normally have their first cigarette craving within 30 minutes of waking up take the higher dosage while the 2mg dosage is suitable for those with a less severe nicotine addiction.

The cost of NiQuitin lozenges is within the range of other nicotine replacement therapies, appromiately $25 for a week's supply. Currently, NiQuitin is available in Great Britain where it is available on the National Health Service. Following FDA testing and approval it is likely the treatment will come on the American market.

NiQuitin CQ is consumed just as one would any sucking candy or cough drop: simply place the lozenge in one's mouth and allow to dissolve. No more than 15 lozenges should be consumed over the course of one day. Furthermore, the number of lozenges eaten daily should be gradually decreased over time so as to eventually eliminate one's nicotine addiction.

The results of this study will be published next year in the scientific journal Archives of Internal Medicine.

FDA questions use of Cipro-like drug in animals

by Hannah Stahle '03
SCIENCE EDITOR

As Americans are kept on their toes by the possibility of biological warfare and new anthrax cases are being diagnosed everyday, it seems that there is a much more immediate problem to be addressed, a problem that has the potential to increase the severity of an anthrax epidemic, or more immediately, to disrupt America's ability to fight and treat certain illnesses.

A Cipro-like antibiotic routinely fed to chickens and cattle bred for the U.S. market is being investigated for potentially rendering deadly germs drug-resistant to a widespread class of antibiotics: fluoroquinolones.

Fluoroquinolones are the active ingredient in some of the most potent drugs on the market today. They are administered to treat a variety of illnesses, including some types of pneumonia, bone and joint infections, urinary tract infections, intestinal infections, infections due to food-borne bacteria, and most notably, anthrax infections.

Cipro, manufactured by Bayer, resides in the class of fluoroquinolones, and is an incredibly powerful antibiotic used to treat various severe infections in humans, and has recently gained much attention for its effectiveness in treating anthrax cases. Baytril, also manufactured by Bayer, is chemically similar to Cipro, and has recently come under fire by the Food and Drug Administration and many citizens groups for having the potential to create potentially deadly drug-resistant germs.

Baytril is currently used to treat a variety of infections in animals, as it is very effective against a wide spectrum of germs. Baytril is used to treat cats, dogs, rabbits, rats, and even mice, although the problem lies with its use in the treatment of poultry and cattle.

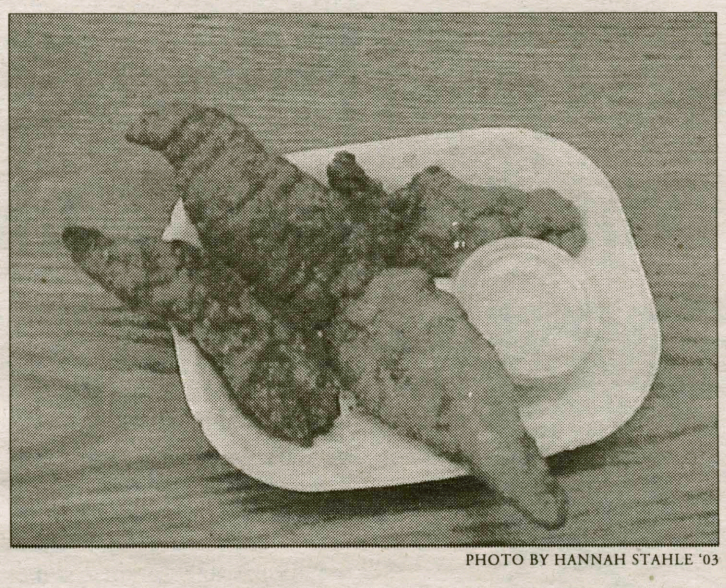
In 1995 the Food and Drug Administration approved the use of Baytril in the drinking water of poultry and cattle, in order to protect against disease and to speed up the growth process in farm raised animals. As the drug was approved, there was great debate between Bayer, which pushed for the release of the drug, and other groups that felt the use of this drug had the potential to spread drug-resistant germs, which would eventually reach the human population.

Germs, such as campylobacter, could become immune to these antibiotics and create a severe problem in the treatment of infections. Campylobacter, along with salmonella, is found in most chickens and poultry that go to market in the United States. The campylobacter germ ranks as the number one food-borne illness in the U.S. and is responsible for over 2 million food-poisonings a year. In all cases of this food poisoning, Cipro, or another fluoroquinolone, is prescribed as an effective treatment, resulting in almost 100 percent recovery from this type of illness.

The American Public Health Association, physicians, and citizens alike fear that the continued use of Baytril in poultry and cattle for market will threaten public health. It is feared that the use of Baytril will cause an increased amount of drug-resistant germs, limiting our ability to treat serious infections with the antibiotics that have, until this point, been almost entirely effective.

"We would hate to lose Cipro or the fluoroquinolones for the treatment of diseases," remarked Dr. Sherwood Gorback of Tufts University, and it is feared that this will be the ultimate consequence of the continued use of Baytril.

In light of this potential risk, the FDA decided to keep the drug on the market but to embark on a series of tests and observations to assess the probability that this drug creates drug-resistant germs. Before the widespread use of Baytril to treat animals, only one percent or less of all campylobacter germs were resistant to all types of fluoroquinolones. Now, about six years after Baytril has been available for use, the number of campylobacter germs resistant to fluoroquinolones has increased to just over 17 percent, with fear that this number will continue to grow.



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Drug-resistant germs: another worry when eating chicken at the diner?

As the results of this study became public, the government recommended banning the use of Baytril and another similar antibiotic, Saraflox. Saraflox, produced by Abbott Laboratories immediately and voluntarily withdrew the drug from the market; however, Bayer refused to withdraw Baytril, as they maintain that any danger that theyuse of the drug will create drug-resistant germs has not been proven.

Bayer's refusal to withdraw Baytril results in a lengthy hearing with the FDA that could take years to resolve. In light of the recent events and the potential threat of anthrax, Dr. Gorback published an editorial in the New England Journal of Medicine last week urging Bayer to acknowledge the potential problem andremove the drug from the market as quickly as possible. Dr. Gorback, along with hundreds of physicians, nurses, and scientists argued that the use of Baytril in animals would compromise the potency of Cipro and other antibiotics in humans. When one germ builds up a strong resistance to a specific drug, similar drugs have the potential to be rendered useless, creating a chain reaction that could have a huge impact on disease prevention and treatment.

While Bayer, many veterinarians, and those in the poultry industry maintain that there is no evidence to prove that the drug is dangerous in any way, and that farmers stand to lose millions of dollars if the drug is taken off the market, the threat remains, and the number of drug-resistant germs is on the rise. The use of Baytril is at the center of the debate right now, but Dr. David Wallinga of the Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy in Minnesota says, "The FDA also needs to phase out about a half dozen other antibiotics important for the treatment of sick people, but fed to healthy animals to grow them slightly faster and to compensate for overcrowded, unsanitary, 'factory farm' conditions."

With that in mind, the FDA continues its investigation into the possible health threats inherent in the continued use of Baytril as it prepares for the future hearing with Bayer. Meanwhile, Baytril remains a popular antibiotic for poultry and cattle for the time being until more substantial evidence is gathered to prove that a health threat exists.

Features

Despite no-shows, *Make A Difference Day* volunteers made their mark at off-campus sites

by Lauren Perkins '04
FEATURES WRITER

This past Saturday, over 40 members of the Hamilton community completed various acts of selfless volunteerism. *Make A Difference Day*, a nationally recognized annual event, united the community in a common philanthropic bond. HAVOC, Hamilton's largest student organization, plans countless service projects on and off the Hill throughout the year and facilitates the annual day of service.

While most of us lie enveloped in our blankets on Saturday morning, the volunteers met for a group breakfast before splitting into more than a dozen groups. The groups traveled to sites throughout Utica, Rome, and Clinton completing their hours of service before regrouping at the end of the day to share experiences.

Douglas Raybeck, professor of anthropology, and Jeff McArn, college chaplain, both spoke at the morning gathering. McArn later noted that this year was the first in which an effort was made to come together before and after the day of good work. "It gave participants an idea of the range of people and places involved. I think it helped the volunteers to mentally prepare for the day," he commented.

Raybeck, an avid supporter of volunteerism and HAVOC in particular, put an anthropological spin on the act of spending time to help others. "Volunteerism is the most civilized activity. It is especially so when individuals work and help others different from themselves. The greater the span of people, the greater the nobility of the effort." He went on to say that "given the size of our institution, volunteerism is exceptional." By planning such large-scale events as *Make A Difference Day*, HAVOC provides opportunities for community members to expose themselves to environments and tasks that may be unfamiliar and thus gain a greater understanding and appreciation for the human condition on a greater scale. The following is a sampling of some of the sites visited and the work done:

At a Habitat for Humanity site, volunteers moved construction materials and equipment into a new storage unit in Utica, which needed painting and maintenance. Volunteers helped out with some office work and took down decorations following the "Spooktacular" event from the proceeding weekend at the Utica Zoo. At St. Luke's Nursing Home, volunteers visited with residents and made plans for some future social and recreational events. At Clinton Elementary School volunteers helped organize a media resource center. At the Thea Bowman House, volunteers carried out such tasks as folding and sorting clothes for the Clothes Closet, and cleaned the nursery school/ community center.

Many volunteers were able to do seasonal tasks at various sites. For example, at the Emmaus House, helpers set up for a Halloween Party with decorations, and prepared food at this shelter for homeless women and their children. At Alterra Villas, a retirement community, volunteers helped with setting-up and running a party that invited community children to trick or treat in residents' rooms. Many volunteers helped at Clinton Child Care Center, where they made playground repairs, organized game contests for the munchkin guests, and hosted a Halloween party.

In addition, some volunteers worked for the Humane Organization and cleaned and walked dogs at a Rome shelter. Other students painted a room that would later be used for incoming residents at New Horizons, a shelter and resource center for young homeless women.

Multiple tasks were done by 22 representatives of the senior class at JCTOD Community Outreach, an after-school tutoring/ meal/ recreational facility for kids in the Cornhill section of Utica. The senior class had the largest volunteer population of the classes, with over 35 members participating. Lauren Reynolds, senior class president commented," It was a terrific experience. It was great to see how much the community has improved as result of JCTOD and how Hamilton students have played a key role in the development of the organization's expansion. I was so proud of my little troopers."

Additionally, volunteers cleaned and organized food stocks at the Hope House, while others painted the East Utica Boys and Girls Club facility. Some individuals worked at the Good News Foundation, a retreat facility in North Utica. At the Salvation Army, which offers after school care, meals, and instruction for kids but lacks a staff to keep up the maintenance of the building. volunteers provided much-needed custodial assistance.

Kerri Spindler-Ranta '02, Director of HAVOC, deemed the day a success: "Everybody seemed to feel good about the work they had done. All of the feedback I have received from organization leaders has been extremely positive. The work our volunteers did on *Make A Difference Day* was greatly appreciated." A volunteer from the class of '04 reflected on her experience: "We pretty much did manual labor all day, and though our actions seemed small, they each made a difference.

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Taking a break from volunteering on *Make A Difference Day,* students at the Clinton Child Care Center have a snack. During his speech at the event, Professor Raybeck said, "to be able to value the well-being of others is making an important personal statement about yourself. Our actions define us."

At the end of the day, I realized what a profound impact I can have if I continue similar service projects."

Though the overall sentiment of the day was optimistic, it disappointed the leaders of HAVOC that about half of the individuals who signed up to participate in the event actually showed up. Nearly 60 people skipped the day after committing to it.

It should be noted that since *Make A Difference Day* is a nationally recognized day of service, Hamilton is not the only institution that gathers groups of volunteers. Spindler-Ranta noted that nearby Colgate University also has a highly successful outreach program. The fact that fewer people showed up than expected disappointed the participants and organizers alike. On such a nationally recognized and purposeful day, especially in light of all the recent world events, it is surprising that there wasn't a more solid response from the student body. The smaller than expected amount of volunteers crunched the amount of help allotted at each site. Leaders of the event were forced to redistribute volunteers. Amy Kopriva '02, HAVOC Monthly Service Projects Coordinator stated, "After so much time spent organizing the event and establishing good rapport with people that really value our offers for assistance, it was difficult to avoid experiencing whole-hearted disappointment when so many people didn't show up. But the people that did come showed tremendous initiative."

In summarzing the importance of support for this kind of activity, Raybeck said, "to be able to value the well-being of others is making an important personal statement about yourself. Our actions define us. Volunteerism among college-age individuals leads to more open, accepting, trusting adults. We need more of them in our society."

Yippee for Yip: five-star freshman shoots to the top

PHOTO COURTESY OF JESSIE WAI-MIN YIP '05

How does she do it all, and how has she done it already? Despite the challenges of adjusting to college life, Jessie Wai-Min Yip '05, member of the Diving Team and several organizations, found her niche right away and is asserting her presence in no uncertain terms.

by Amy Kopriva '02
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With high hopes for new friends, adventures, and academic achievements in tow, a new batch of freshmen arrive on the Hill each year. Although the rite of passage is always the same, the participants vary widely, thereby changing the flavor of interaction between the people and the place. Despite class denigration by the upperclassman, it is undeniably impressive how some members of the freshman class are making their mark so quickly-- and not so quietly. In realization of what so far appears to be a class embodying great leadership, strong high school achievement, and enthusiasm, *The Features Section* would like to recognize a couple of outstanding members. For the column's debut, we feature Jessie Wai -Min Yip '05 from Boston.

Timewise, how would you characterize your extracurricular involvement in high school?

Jessie: "My extracurricular activities in high school were pretty intense. I don't recall a single school day where I got to go home after the 2:05 p.m. bell rang to end classes. It was definitely more than what the typical student had. Along with being involved with clubs in school, I was also a part of a youth grassroots organization outside of school and did a great amount of activism work."

Can you please describe how you are coping with the transition into college life? What have been the greatest challenges and what tips or techniques help you keep focused and productive?

Jessie: "It was quite a difficult transition period for me because I'm from Boston, and Hamilton is obviously nothing like the city. Along with getting accustomed to a different environmental and cultural setting, there was also a big change socially. I'd definitely say jumping in right away and getting involved with things I found interest in was a wonderful way to help me adjust, meet people, and get to know the surroundings."

What activities are you involved in on campus? How much time

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Students ask: What (*yawn*) happened to nap time?

by Jessica Atcheson '03
FEATURES WRITER

It's 2:30 am. You're three and a half pages into a five page paper that is due that day. Or perhaps you have a test in six and a half hours and you only started studying at 1 am. Do you call it quits before you are finished so that you can hit the pillow and get some sleep? Or do you stick it out until you are done and get three hours of sleep before you have to get up for a 9 a.m. class?

The question of when to sleep and when to sacrifice sleep is central for college students, who have a multitude of demands on their time; these demands include an average of four classes worth of academic work, sports, activities ranging from choir to volunteer work, and jobs.

Adam Morris '05 says that his sleep habits are determined by his academic load and social life. Sleep does not rank high on his list of priorities; "When I have things that need to get done, sleep is not the issue." He says he pulled an "all-nighter" two weeks ago because he had an English paper, a Latin paper, a presentation, and a lab report all due the next day. "I don't really get any sleep Monday through Wednesday. The rest of the week is fall-back," Morris says. He adds that on a good night, he will get six hours of sleep.

On the other hand, Kristin Wagner '03 asserts that the amount of sleep she gets is minimally influenced by other factors. "Nothing determines how much sleep I get. I sleep as much as I want to," she says. She does, however, acknowledge that her sleep patterns are tailored around her schedule of certain activities. Wagner says that she goes to sleep 3 or 4 a.m . on weekdays, and as a result, on some days she gets five or six hours of sleep, and on others eight or nine hours, depending on the classes she has the next day.

For some students, the need for sleep is paramount to other demands. Rachel Schneider '03 says, "Sleep has priority over other things...like work." She has a constant sleep pattern that gives her five to six hours of sleep per night, which she believes is the ideal amount for her. Asked to identify what primarily determines her sleep patterns, Schneider says, "Biology. My body needs to be asleep at a certain time. I wake up automatically at 6 a.m. every morning." However, even five to six hours of sleep per night is well below the eight hours recommended by the National Sleep Foundation (NSF) for health, safety, and best performance. The NSF finds that sleep deprivation is common across the country, reporting that 63% of American adults do not get the recommended eight hours of sleep and 31% testify to sleeping less than seven hours each week night.

David Nalbone, visiting assistant professor of psychology, is currently conducting a study of student sleeping habits and how they affect student performance. He reports that he has overwhelmingly found so far that students are not sleeping very much -- an average of five and a half to six hours per day.

The NSF also released a 2000 report entitled "*Generation Y is Significantly Sleepy*," which indicated that sleep deprivation seems to be particular problem among 18 to 29-year-olds. A poll found that 55% of members of this age group are not refreshed when they awake from a night's sleep, and 33% suffer from significant daytime sleepiness, often the result of getting less sleep in order to get more done.

PHOTO BY JUSTINE BODE '04

Hoping to learn Organic Chemistry through REM-induced osmosis, this student embraces Tigger as a good luck charm. Apparently, sleep deprivation is a pervasive dilemma for college students on our campus.

Sleep deprivation has a host of consequences. Effects can include tired muscles, poor cognitive functioning, mood swings, and increased susceptibility to sickness. Morris says that it affects his wit and ability to approach things with clarity. Dr. James B. Maas, a psychology professor at Cornell University, found in his research that 60% of high school and college students are sleepy during the day, and 30% fall asleep in class at least once a week.

Sleep-deprived individuals can experience what are called "microsleeps." These are described in Kolb and Whishaw's *Introduction to Brain and Behavior*: "Microsleeps... are brief sleeps lasting only a few seconds. During microsleep, subjects may remain sitting or standing, but their eyelids droop briefly and they become less responsive to external stimuli." Morris, Schneider, and Wagner all admit to experiencing this phenomenon in class more than once.

As much as students might hope against it, professors do indeed notice when students fall asleep in class. Carol Drogus, associate professor of government, says that she has noticed people falling asleep in class, more often in the afternoon than in the morning. Professor of Psychology Jonathan Vaughan tells of a class held directly after lunch in which he could never give a PowerPoint presentation because it would inevitably lead to students nodding off.

Drogus sees a combination of factors as determining students' sleep patterns. She acknowledges the role that academic, athletic, and social activities play in students' schedules. "But it is also biological," she says. "Students of that age can stay up later."

Aside from considering causes of students' sleep patterns, both Drogus and Vaughan believe that students on campus do not get enough sleep. Vaughan speaks of the larger population at the same time, saying, "I don't think any of us do."

The symptoms of sleep deprivation can be not only detrimental, but also dangerous. A period of microsleep is plenty of time to lose control of a car. The 2000 NSF poll of 18 to 29-year-olds found that 60% reported having driven while drowsy in the past year. In an even more disturbing statistic, 24% admitted to having dozed off at the wheel. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration reports that drowsy driving is the cause of more than 100,000 crashes per year, which result in 40,000 injuries and 1,550 deaths. Nalbone, while emphasizing the importance of sleep to the learning process and an effective memory, also notes that sleep helps prevent early death. He relates that there has been research showing that among all species, sleep deprivation accelerate the process of aging and can lead to early death.

In response to the numerous consequences and dangers of sleep deprivation, the question arises of how a student can best combat it. Maas suggests getting adequate sleep every night, preferably uninterrupted, as well as keeping a regular sleep schedule. Some students find that short naps help catch up on needed sleep. Morris, however, finds them unhelpful, saying, "They wipe you out for the rest of the day." Perhaps another issue for students to consider is effective time and stress management.

Five-star freshman: Yip

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per week do you spend on extracurricular activities, and how do you stay motivated?

Jessie: "I am a member of the Varsity Swimming and Diving Team (I dive), the Asian Cultural Society, the Student Dance Alliance, the International Students Alliance. I was [most recently] a part of the Bian Dan show in Wellin Hall last Saturday. I'm also in The Posse Scholarship Group. I'd say I spend 15-20 hours every week on these activities. I guess what keeps me going is my interest in them and the incredibly fun and interesting people I get to work with/ see there."

Do you feel stressed or comfortable with your current work load and social life? How do you maintain the balance? Did people warn you about not taking on too much too early? Do you feel this will be a problem in the future?

Jessie: "Umm... it's much better now, but at the beginning it was definitely stressful. The time balance is so different than high school. Because of the shorter amount of time spent in class, you keep thinking you have more time, but you soon discover that is so not true! So, figuring out how to balance practice, meetings, homework, sleep, and socializing was quite the experiment. It still is, but it's gotten much better. I was definitely warned multiple times about not getting in over my head in extracurriclars. I'm a busy-bee type of person with lots of interests... so, it is very easy for me to get involved in too much."

What are some of your goals for your time at Hamilton? Are you satisified with the social life here? What do you see as the best and worst aspects of college life, and college life at Hamilton?

Jessie: "Umm... I just hope to do well in school, have fun, meet people, and get involved in different things on campus so I get to see Hamilton for its many different aspects and lifestyles. Honestly, I am not too particularly fond of the social scene here, or shall I say the popular social scene of cramming into tiny spaces and getting drunk out of one's mind. Back home, my friends and I did clubbing and partying too, and it's not like people didn't drink, but that wasn't the main point. We went out to chill, have fun and to dance! When I checked out the party scenes here, I honestly felt like I was on the set of *Footloose*!

In three words, how would you describe your life and your personality?

Jessie: "Crazily busy, yet fun."

Are there any significant differences between what you expected from Hamilton and what you have experienced?

Jessie: "There are definitely some differences, for example, I am used to a very diverse background. It is still a big shock in every way. I got back from the mall and was coming off the Jitney and I smelled cow dung in the air. The only time I had experienced that before was at the circus. My family is from Hong Kong and I speak Chinese at home. Most international students speak Mandarin here, there are very few that speak Cantonese.

Do you feel that the support from the school in helping freshmen adapt to college life is adequate?

Jessie: "The support network is great. It is really friendly here. It is not just a sea of faces like at other schools."

Have you got the nerve to write for Features? If so, email *akopriva* or *ctakacs* (your choice).

Arts & Entertainment

The *Bobby Peru* Files

Kat McGrory '05 unmasks Bobby

Just who is Bobby Peru?

Shawn Fortin '02 wouldn't tell me. The senior president of the comedy troupe swore up and down that he could not disclose the secret identity of Bobby Peru. Shawn, however, was more than willing to share the good, the bad, and the ugly.

Yes, the ugly.

"The fondest memory that I hold on to is of a performance from my first year. Not a lot of people were drinking because there were midterms that week, so it was my personal responsibility to finish the keg. Sometime later, I woke up in a hall in Dunham and came to from a blackout."

"Did the show go well?" I proceeded to ask.

"Yes. No. Kind of. The show was good. After the show was ugly."

Although not all performances have involved blackouts, a *Bobby Peru* show is guaranteed to be anything but predictable. The sketch-comedy troupe, now in its eighth year, resumed its comedic antics on the Hill last Friday, performing in front of a packed house at the Annex.

"It was a good turnout, though very slow at first. It usually takes a while to get them going," said Shawn of last week's audience. "But overall, the show went very, very well."

So what exactly is *Bobby Peru*?

The details that I am privy to are rather sketchy.

"Robert, rather, *Bobby Peru* is an organization steeped in history and rituals, none of which I can tell you, or I will be forced to sit naked on the golf course for 48 hours singing 'I'm a Little Teapot,'" described Chris Abram, a second-year member.

The group reportedly meets twice a week, using the time not only create and develop the skits that compose their performances, but also to practice and perfect them. When a new idea for a skit is brought to the table, the entire group will discuss it and, if it is approved by all members, they will later finalize it.

"We try and offend everyone equally," said Shawn of the skits.

Chris added, "All is fair in comedy."

For Bobby Peru members, insulting various members of the Hamilton Community is all in a day's work.

When asked what it is like to make fun of various teams, clubs, and societies, member Alex Siegal '03 replied, "Disturbingly satisfying."

PHOTO TAKEN BY CHRIS FOGELSTROM '03

Sketch-comedy troupe *Bobby Peru* at their finest Keep your eyes peeled for upcoming shows in the Annex from the troupe.

"It's kind of scary sometimes," added Fortin. "Actually, as a freshman it was kind of scary, but now it's more interesting. Fraternities, teams... they all like the recognition. Nobody really gives us a hard time.

"But one time we were cracking on some sorority girls," Shawn fondly recalled. "Two or three girls stood up in their seats, flipped us all, and left. It was awesome to piss someone off enough that they'd leave. Though what kills me is that they were all laughing when we made fun of the basketball team, but they couldn't handle us cracking on them."

Fortin also said that the Jitney is not a source of inspiration for his comedic preformances.

"Believe it or not, I don't get any material from driving the Jitney," Shawn said, hoping to dispel the nasty rumors that suggest otherwise. "Although yes, I actually do drive the Jitney, and it can range from exciting to horrendous depending on who is on."

"Most of our humor comes from the local area," further explained Abram. "Utica, the arson capital of the world, provides many ideas, ranging from chicken riggies to Dale Earnhardt," he said, citing just a few examples of *Bobby Peru* targets.

Once the troupe has created the skits, rehearsals begin. Since Bobby Peru performs but four times a semester, the skits must cover a wide variety of topics and appeal to a wide variety of audience members. The key to reaching an audience, besides alcohol, of course, is teamwork.

When asked to describe the entire company in a single word, President Fortin chose "cohesive."

"We work really well together. There are a lot of individual personalities, yes, but we blend well together."

If he could have chosen two words: cohesive and drunk.

Senior member Stephanie Gray agreed. "Everyone in the group has a lot of comedic talent, and we've been lucky to always have members who work really well with each other. It's the biggest reason our shows go so well," she added. "Well, our entire audience is usually drunk, so that helps too,"

Likewise, this year's rookie members have brought their own unique wit and talents to the troupe, adding to the success of the first show and the magic that is *Bobby Peru*. The rookies, known collectively as "Craig" for yet another secret reason, have already proven themselves as worthy as the next generation of *Bobby Peru*ers.

"They are still a little shy," Shawn laughed, "but are doing really well. With the rookies

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Spacey's portrayal is awe-inspiring

Darcy Lewis '02 more convinced than ever of Spacey's skill.

Kevin Spacey is under deep hypnosis, and he is talking like a six-year-old boy, his knees pulled up against his chest. I ask myself, is there anything this man can't do? In the new film *K-Pax*, co-starring Jeff Bridges, Spacey cements his status as one of the most dynamic actors of the day. Sure, we all knew he was amazing, with films like *The Usual Suspects, LA Confidential*, and *American Beauty* tucked into his belt. Spacey has showed the world his uncanny ability to let the audience see the barest human emotions in each one of his characters. In *K-Pax* Spacey demonstrates his power by manifesting these essential human emotions in a man whose very humanity is questioned.

Spacey is Prot, a strange man who claims he is from the planet *K-Pax*. Of course, all this proclamation does is land him in a mental hospital, where he becomes the patient of Dr. Mark Powell (Jeff Bridges). Powell is fascinated by Prot and his elaborately convincing explanations for every question the psychiatrist can think up. He becomes obsessed with Prot, devoting all his time to the case, in turn alienating his own family. Prot is like a prophet, or a holy man. He walks as if on air, always looking up at the sky through his red sunglasses, which he claims to need because his eyes are extremely sensitive to light. Through a series of tests administered by doctors, astronomers, and other professionals, Prot's outlandish story becomes more and more persuasive. He is the most convincing delusional Dr. Powell has ever come across, and while all others come to believe his story, Powell alone continues to question the man's true background. Prot, meanwhile, becomes the unnamed leader of his mental ward, bringing people out of their own shells and essentially doing the one thing that has eluded Powell for so long - Prot begins to heal them. He seems to have the answers to every one of their questions, a veritable Einstein of the ailing masses. His kindness slowly eats away at Powell's closed-off exterior, and Powell wonders if he has been wrong all the time, if Prot really is an alien from another world, one far more developed than earth. After all, Prot can travel through space on beams of light, can plot whole planet's courses from memory, and seems to have the answers to everyone's problems, while Powell can't even connect with his own wife. He begins to doubt his own explanations as well as his belief of Prot.

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David Patrick Kelly and Kevin Spacey star in *K-Pax*, which is playing at the Sangertown Square Monday through Sunday.

It is these connections between beings that is the movie's theme. As in other films, the main idea is that people don't realize what is right in front of them until someone from outside shows them differently. A little hokey perhaps, but this film manages to hold it together, unlike other movies such as *Michael* (please, whatever you do, do not watch this movie!) Powell's relationship with his wife, played by Mary McCormack (*Private Parts*), is somewhat forced. Prot is truly the center of the film, and when Powell has his own personal epiphany, the moment is dulled, and not as much is invested in his realizations. The audience wants to know more about Prot, which is understandable, since his character is so magnetic. It feels as if the importance of Dr. Powell's own journey has been pushed off kilter by Prot.

The plot is well crafted, and few holes exist, if any. The movie's feel is one of a simple, easy-flowing narrative, even though it is anything but that. The movie's director, Iain Softley, who hasn't really pulled off a truly successful film (he has directed other movies such as *The Wings of the Dove, Hackers,* and *Backbeat)*, shows his considerable talent for putting the characters themselves at the forefront of the movie. There is no real gloss on the movie, just Spacey and Bridges working off of each other, feeding off of each other's convictions. Bridges fades into the background as a result of all the emphasis on the mystery surrounding Spacey's character. The audience discovers right along with Dr. Powell, and that is what makes the film all the more interesting. No one really knows who Prot is, only the man himself. As the film builds to its wonderful climax, it is apparent that the connections we make in life are the true journeys.

Bian Dan at Hamilton

Aletha Asay '05 on the H.T. Chen and Dancers

Just looking at the program handed out Saturday, October 27, told you there was something different about the performance put on by the Mohawk Valley Dance Partnership with HT Chen and Dancers. The description of the dancers ranged from "a graduate of the Juilliard School," to "attends kindergarten at Clinton Central School," and included everything in between. Far from being a dance company visiting from far away, the performance was a culmination of a year of planning, publicity, rehearsals and awesome collaboration. Participants came together from various backgrounds as Hamilton students, teachers, grandmothers, first-graders, as well as professional dancers, choreographers, composers, and other artists to create an outstanding performance steeped in Chinese tradition and infused with modern American experience.

The opening scenes witnessed slowly set the mood of the performance and introduced the importance of the symbolic use of bian dan, the bamboo pole used for work in China. With cool lighting, multimedia images, and a geometric background reminiscent of a city skyline, the dancers' labored actions gave the feeling of oppression under the weight of their burdens. Further into the show, the audience was introduced to a few groups of dancers besides this first group: the teenagers, representing American youth, the older generation, and the youngest generation of children. The different groups wore different costumes, and generally, danced to diverse kinds of music with distinctive movements. The theme of the show, "bridging the gap between generations and culture," certainly held true as we maneuvered through the history of Asian immigration to the U.S., and the burdens carried by these resilient souls.

"The bamboo pole is symbolic of the burden of Asian Americans and the stereotypes they face, even generations after immigration," said Jessie Yip, a first year student involved with the production. "I'm a first generation American, and the show really accurately shows how it feels to be a first generation Asian-American." Yip played a role as one of the Statues of Liberty, clad in traditional Chinese dress and a green foam crown, wielding a yellow ribbon in a dance, symbolizing hope for the future generation. This role was just one of the many departures from traditional dance, and effectively conveyed a contemporary feeling, with an edge of humor. The younger teenage generation in this performance was often the source of humor, as well as supplying the younger audience with modern elements they could relate to: break dancing, dating, metal scooters, and an attitude.

As the show went on, the bamboo pole changed from a symbol of burden to one of hope, as it became lighter in the way it was used by the dancers. They tossed it around easily, sharing it with dancers from all age groups. But this did not happen easily: the show centered on the conflict of first generation Asian Americans as they tried to fit into American society and also please their traditional parents. At the heart of the conflict, a young Asian-American couple, played by Victor Bob Hom and Tsu-I Yang, try to do just that. In a heart-wrenching scene full of amazingly emotional movements, they were torn apart by their parents and separated by a wall of bamboo poles. The scene burned into my memory from the end of the show is when the whole cast stands, kneels and sits in groups representing families, with the bamboo poles crossed like the roof of a house.

Being an amateur dance reviewer, (I've seen about two performances in my life), seeing Bian Dan was an exciting and unusual experience for me. Unfamiliar with the medium, I was surprised with the amount and diversity of emotion conveyed without words, as well as the use of modern elements and multimedia. Afterwards, my mind seemed in a different world as I paused from my busy life to contemplate exactly what Bian Dan meant; the experience left me appreciative not only of the diversity of the Asian-American experience, but also the limitless forms of expression breathed to life by the collaboration of brilliant minds, like H.T. Chen and the including the willing, joyful community participants. Bian Dan was a truly unforgettable experience.

For more information on H.T. Chen & Dancers: www.htchendance.com email: infor@htchendance.org Tel: (212) 349-0126

Hamilton Performing Arts to Present New Music Group California E.A.R. Unit

Bobby Peru

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Clinton, NY– The new music group California E.A.R. Unit will perform on Saturday, Nov. 3, at 8 p.m. at Wellin Hall in the Schambach Center for Music and the Performing Arts at Hamilton College. The E.A.R. Unit will also present a free workshop on computer-generated music on Friday, Nov. 2, at 3 p.m. in Hamilton College's Electronic Music Studio.

"Here is music both accessible and esoteric, true to its own rules, which could also be said of this new music ensemble," according to the Los Angeles Times. Always keeping the audience guessing with an eclectic mix and innovative approach to music making, the California E.A.R. Unit has recently been awarded the American Music Center's "Letter of Distinction."

The California EAR Unit is Dorothy Stone, flute; Marty Walker, clarinet;
Robin Lorentz, violin; Erika Duke-Kirkpatrick, cello; Vicki Ray, piano; and Amy
Knoles, percussion. The Los Angeles based new music ensemble is dedicated to the performance, promotion and creation of the exciting music of our time. Founded in March 1981, the EAR Unit has brought unparalleled versatility, virtuosity and dedication to its performances and is recognized today as one of America's finest contemporary chamber ensembles. For its contributions to the field of contemporary American music, the ensemble has recently garnered the LA Weekly's Best Classical Series award.

Since 1987 the E.A.R. Unit has been Ensemble-in-Residence at the Los Angeles County Museum of Art, where they present their own four -concert critically acclaimed series. The E.A.R. Unit's repertoire of over 400 compositions ranges from the most demanding works for the concert hall to collaborations with major artists in other fields to create original multi-media works. The E.A.R Unit combines a "classic" instrumentation of flute, clarinet, keyboards, percussion, violin, and cello to an "anything goes," including voices, panpipes, handcuffs, playing Bach on the cello with a carrot (Cage's Theater Piece), theatrics, and the latest interactive electronic media.

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The Hamilton College program will include the "The Fall of the House of Usher", created in 2001 by Jeff Rona, and will be performed to a silent film of the same name. This piece was inspired by the famous Edgar Allen Poe story, also of the same name. Composer Jeff Rona's diverse musical background includes composing for film, television, theater, and dance; studies in world music; orchestral and concert writing; ambient; electronica; and minimalism.

Rona's scores include the Ridley Scott film *White Squall*, Barry Levinson's critically-acclaimed "Homicide-Life On The Street", and "Profiler". His musical contributions in other films include Steven Soderbergh's *Traffic*, *Assassins*, *Mission: Impossible*, and *Kafka*. He also has contributions on the albums *Trance Planet 5* on Triloka Records and the upcoming *Leaves From The Tree* on Vitamin Records, both electronica compilations. Rona has recorded, collaborated, and performed music with artists and composers including Jon Hassell, Philip Glass, Brian Eno, Mark Isham, and Hans Zimmer.

The program will conclude with "Go" a piece written for the E.A.R. Unit by James Sellars. "Go" was composed in 1997 as a kind of West Coast cousin to "Don't Stop," which was written in 1995 for the East Coast ensemble, Bang On A Can All Stars.

At age 17, James Sellars left his native Arkansas to study composition at Juilliard and Manhattan School of Music, where his principal teachers were David Diamond and Ludmila Ulehla. He later recieved a Ph.D. at North Texas University, and presently divides his time between New York and Hartford, where he is on the composition-theory faculty at The Hartt School.

Tickets are $15 for adults, $10 for seniors, and $5 for students. All seating is general admission. For more information or to order tickets, call the box office at 859-4331. Box office hours are 1 - 4 p.m. weekdays.

we have a really strong troupe."

In a totally unrelated comment, troupe member Justin Ginsberg '04 had the following to offer: "A dime is worth ten cents. Bobby Peru is funny."

For Fortin, the biggest perk of his involvement with Bobby Peru has no doubt, been the recognition. "People know who I am," he said proudly. "Well, for about a day after the show everyone knows who I am."

Shawn is perhaps best known for his Hamilton minute skit, which, contrary to it's deceiving title, lasts more than a minute for an obvious reason: cracking jokes at the entire Hamilton Community in sixty seconds or less would be virtually impossible. This past week's edition of the Hamilton Minute highlighted the football team, ATX, the rugby teams, as well as the boys of Delta Phi.

"I've done the Hamilton Minute every show since my second year second semester, so this will be the ninth time I'll do it. I think that I like it so much because the skit really gives me the opportunity to do something different every time."

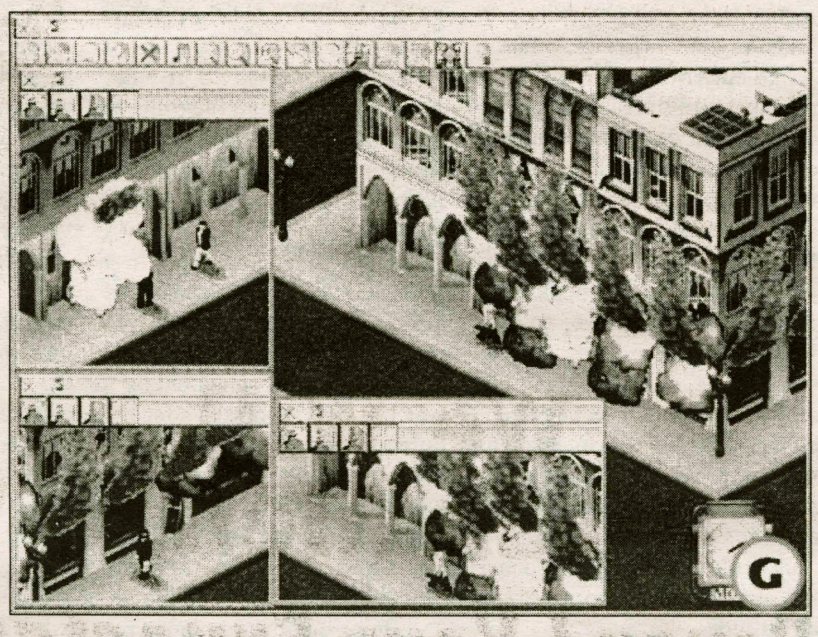
Bobby Peru. Mysterious, funny, and, well, drunk. The sketch-comedy troupe promises another show next semester, though at press time, could not release any super-secret, super-non-existent details.

Shawn Fortin did, however, assure me of one thing: "It's going to be dope."

Crime Doesn't Pay

Mithat Yaltir '03 takes a megabyte out of crime.

Hothouse Creations developed "Gangsters: Organized Crime", a mobster simulation, with the tag line "walk in the shoes of the godfather." The opening movie tells, "real power is never given. It's taken." Gamers become godfathers in New Temperance, a city similar to Chicago of 1930's, and compete with other gangs by hiring gangsters (or hoods) and building their crime empire. Any mean of achieving this goal is valid. Taking over legal businesses, extortion, loan sharks, teamsters, bootlegging are just to name a few. Sounds like fun, but don't think it is easy.



Gamers adjust the level of difficulty by weakening the economy, decreasing the initial number of hoods, changing the behavior of the rival gangs, and setting the amount of cash available at the beginning of the game. There are three ways to finish the game: going legit, wiping out the other gangs, or becoming the mayor of New Temperance.

The hoods have a variety of skills such as intelligence, firearms, stealth, etc. Choosing the right hood for the right job depends on these skills; some of these skills are complimentary. If a hood is good at handling explosives, but is not stealthy enough, then the bombing is doomed to fail because the hood will get caught on the way. Hoods can bribe clergymen and media. These people have great influence on the New Temperance citizens. The media does not directly support the gang, but the gang does not get "bad" media coverage.

Besides ordinary hoods, the godfather can also hire lawyers and accountants. Accountants launder the money from illegal businesses and audit books. Should a hood decide to cheat, the accountants will catch them and the godfather will decide the cheaters fate. Hoods will break the law at some point and will require lawyer assistance. Besides handling the legal work, lawyers are capable of bribing officials such as the mayor, the chief of police, judges and district attorneys. A lawyer is required to run for mayor in New Temperance.

In "Gangsters: Organized Crime," the FBI is the worst nightmare of the godfather. FBI agents are not only incorruptible, but they are also extremely good at handling firearms. Unlike the police, FBI agents will hunt and shut down illegal businesses.

Gamers are free to come up with their own solutions to problems. If a business owner refuses to pay extortion, then there are a variety of actions godfather can take: send intimidate the business owners, beat them up, bomb, torch or smash-up their stores, buy their real estate or if nothing else works send them home in a body bag.

One flaw in the game is its overall structure. The game operates on a weekly basis. The gamer can issue detailed orders to each hood at the beginning of each week. During the week, one watches the hoods carry out orders. The game requires good planning in many different areas such as hood management, business issues, and diplomacy with other gangs. It, however, is not deep enough in any of these categories. One can buy legal businesses and change the owner, but cannot interfere in actual business decisions. One can send hoods to kill rival gangsters, but cannot give tactical orders during combat. The game interface is confusing and makes the learning curve long.

Wrap Up: Promising game with original plot. Room for improvement. Multiplayer option included.

What is the Spectacle?

-The Spectacle is a student/faculty submission of photographic art.

-**The Spectacle** is your chance as an artist to have your artwork displayed.

-**The Spectacle** is empty this week because of the lack of submissions!

To anyone who showed interest in having their photography displayed in The Spectacle and to anyone who is contemplating the idea of submitting their work, please email:

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We want to display your work!

On The Line dissapoints

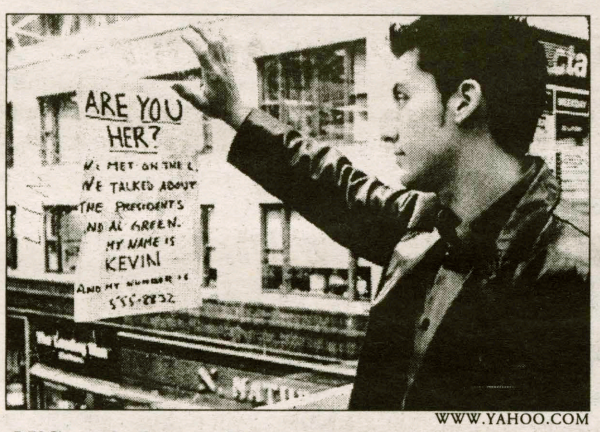
"Cute? Not Really," says Michelle Fucci '04

It's happened to you. You meet someone. He's perfect. But you don't get his number and now you are flipping out. Now that's a plot for a PG rated romantic comedy if ever I heard one. Add some swoon-worthy boy band members and you have *On the Line*.

In this movie, Kevin Gibbons (Lance Bass), an ad exec suffering from low self-confidence, meets the girl of his dreams (Emmanuelle Chriqui) while riding on Chicago's "L" train, but fails to get the digits. So then the love-struck Gibbons and his band of ne'er-do-well friends, including newcomer GQ and 'NSync-er Joey Fatone, must track down this mystery woman. The Windy City will never be the same again.

It sounds like it's tailor made for preteen 'NSync fans. It is. In fact, that is the only audience that *On the Line* might appeal to.

The plot was full of coincidences that were frustrating and cliché. For example, at an Al Green concert, our adorable hero and his soul mate are feet away from each other, but just don't find one another. Cute, maybe. Overdone and annoying, most definitely.



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N'Sync's Lance Bass searches for his true love in the wannabe romantic comedy *On the Line*

Also, there were so many meaningless subplots and characters. Perhaps I should have figured this out beforehand when I saw that every available square inch of the movie poster was covered with a character's face. It was difficult to care about all of this action and these characters. Just to name a few, the subplots include a manipulative co-worker, a revenge-seeking schoolmate, and even the Cubs baseball season!

Of course there are bright spots in this movie. One is the music. 'NSync has a few new songs sprinkled throughout the movie, and whether you are a fan of the boys or not, they're catchy and not overpowering. The other feature of the movie that I enjoyed was Joey Fatone's character. While Bass's character was flat and cold, Fatone created a quirky and humorous wannabe singer.

Overall, *On the Line* is your basic repetitive romantic comedy of boy meets girl, boy loses girl, boy finds girl again. I'd recommend this movie if you want to step out of reality for a little while, but not if you are looking for something to challenge the art of filmmaking.

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Women's Rugby team finishes season with one loss

by The Chick Ruggers
SPORTS WRITERS

This past weekend, the undefeated women's rugby team traveled to the Siberian wastelands otherwise known as Batavia for the New York State Rugby Championships.

On Saturday, the girls faced the Union squad in the middle of a violent snowstorm that turned to hail in the second half.

Of the game, injured inside center Courtney "Robbie" Robbins '03 said, "I was cold."

On Sunday, well-rested from that extra hour of daylight savings time sleep, the women took on SUNY Albany.

Although they were expecting some major competition, Hamilton found little, and they won by the final score of 26-0. Packie Anna "Annacrowe" Crowe '03 said, "We were expecting a tough game, but I wasn't worried: I'm just not threatened by teams with ugly uniforms."

Neither was pack captain Alison "Ack" Ackerknecht '02, as she scored a try early in the first half.

Throughout the game, the women's powerful scrum overpowered the weak Albany players, and quick footwork by the back line sealed the victory.

Later in the first half, back, Courtenay "CK" Kelley '02 scored the second try, and back captain Becky "Dirty" Karb '02 made the conversion kick.

The only time Albany successfully gained ground with the ball, lock Jamie "Skeebs" Skiba '02 made a solid tackle, and the ball was back in Hamilton's possession.

In the second half, the backline came out even stronger, and the backs and packies worked together to form an impenetrable shield against the Albany attack.

After battling within the five-meter line for some time, Ackerknecht brought it into the try zone and then, with a running start and flying leap from eight-man Sarah "Mase Dog" Mason '02, the two drove it down to the ground together. It was truly a group effort.

In the last seconds of the game, Jenna "Big Bad" Bussman '02 broke away from the Albany defense, and stiff armed her way down the field to score the final try of the game.

After the game, Ackerknecht said "The team played the entire game with aggression and strength. Our scrum overpowered the Albany scrum, allowing us to gain possession and ground. The back line's tricky plays outsmarted their opposition, resulting in strong passes and speedy breakaways."

Crew team pleased with Schuykill results

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eventually finishing ahead of them.

However, the greatest results of the day were achieved by the Women's Freshmen Four, with Matt Baum '03 as coxswain and led by Shana Weinberg '05 in the stroke seat, along with Stephanie Godleski '05, Liz McPhillips '05, and Stephanie Loomis '05.

They placed first out of the ten boats in their category, winning by more than 90 seconds. They were definitely the "champion" boat of the team this weekend. After such a successful final regatta, hopes are high for the spring season.

After a winter of training on the rowing machine and in the weight room, the team will head back to the boathouse and begin preparing for the spring's 2000 meter sprint races, which are demanding but exciting events.

Coach Michael Gilbert commented on his plans for the winter and spring, "The main goal for the spring is to retain a large number of our fall participants and to bring in new novices to bring their numbers up to, ideally, two women's Eights and twelve-plus men. This will be a challenge since the winter season is long and therefore hard for people to stay motivated. With the great attitude of our new members and the leadership of our captains, I am sure people will continue to meet their individual erg goals."

The crew team will be working hard this winter and into the spring, building their strength and endurance until they reach their peak, and this weekend's final regatta was certainly a positive ending to the fall season.

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Hamilton gains 43 yards against Williams

by Chris Preston '03
MANAGING EDITOR

What happens when the NESCAC's best defense meets Hamilton's anemic offense? Not much.

In fact, through three quarters of the Continentals' game with undefeated Williams they almost literally gained no yardage, compiling just six yards in 45 minutes.

When the buzzer sounded, with the Ephs picking up the easy 23-0 victory, Hamilton had gained a record-low 43 yards.

It was the fewest yards Williams had ever allowed in a game. Needless to say, nothing went right for the Conts.

"We just never got in a groove offensively," said coach Pete Alvanos. "I'm not sure we could have called any play that would have made a difference. We missed blocking assignments, made mistakes on special teams-nothing worked."

Of course, Williams (6-0) had a lot to do with the numerous mistakes Hamilton made. The Ephs opened the scoring with 9:43 to play in the opening quarter by blocking Jason Kurtzman's '05 punt, which rolled out of the end zone for a safety.

Then, given good field position, the Ephs followed up their safety with a nine-play, 41-yard drive capped by a nine-yard touchdown pass from quarterback Joe Reardon to Sean Collins. After adding another touchdown just two plays into the second quarter, and still holding Hamilton to negative yardage gained from scrimmage at that point, the game was virtually over at 16-0.

Williams coasted to victory from there, never letting up defensively.

"They're good," said Alvanos. "I thought Amherst's defense was big and strong-these guys were bigger, stronger, and quicker."

That said, the mere 43 yards the Continentals gained, 37 of which came in trash time in the fourth quarter, can be attributed to offensive execution.

Every completion or short run would be offset by a sack or tackle behind the line of scrimmage.

Starting quarterback Greg LiVigne '05 completed six of 16 passes for 40 yards but was sacked a whopping six times, a result of the poor blocking of which Alvanos spoke.

Chris Weeden '02 mustered only 41 yards on 21 carries, and caught three passes for 15 yards, accounting for most of the Hamilton offensive output by himself.

He will need much more help this weekend if the Conts plan to win against a tough Middlebury squad.

"Middlebury's a beatable team," Alvanos asserted. "We've had two good practices this week, we've just got to let our hair down and play hard for 60 minutes. That's been our biggest problem since day one. We don't help ourselves when we play well for a while in one phase of the game and in another phase we break down. We've got to get all phases going at the same time for. If we do that, as I've said all along, I think we could be pretty good. I still have confidence in my team."

The question is, do the Conts still have enough confidence in themselves to go into a hostile environment and steal one from an up-and-down Middlebury team? Putting last week's offensive nightmare behind them would be the first step in that direction.

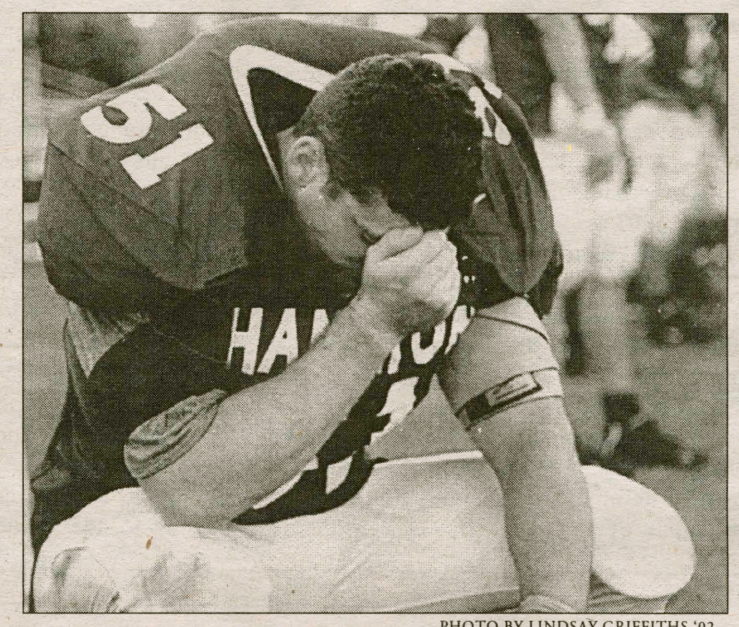

PHOTO BY LINDSAY GRIFFITHS '02

Junior Sam Bowlby (#51) personifies the mood of the Continentals after a 23-0 drubbing at the hands of the Williams Golden Flyers last Saturday. The Hamilton offense gained just 43 yards on the day, as the solid defense of the Golden Flyers was able to shut down the potent Hamilton running attack.

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Men's X-C disappoints at NESCAC Tournament

by Paul Kibbe '05
SPORTS WRITER

The men's cross country team ran in one of its toughest races of the year this past weekend in the NESCAC championship meet at Bowdoin College. The team placed tenth, while the home team took first.

"We did not run well as a team. We were healthy but the race went out at a fast pace," said Coach Brett Hull, "We had a nice pack to start but the second mile of the course went through the woods and was narrow at times and we lost track of where we were. We have no excuses though. We plan on coming back this weekend and running a strong team race."

The competition in the NESCAC is very strong. Out of the eleven teams in the race, six of them were nationally ranked.

"The competition at the NESCAC meet is very tough," said Hull. "Outside of the NCAA championship meet, this is one of the best Division III meets in the nation."

Three seniors led the Continentals at the NESCAC meet. Mac Weiss '02 led all Continentals with a 56th place finish in a time of 26:58. Ryan Murelli '02 came in just behind Weiss, finishing 63rd with a time of 27:12. John Damaske '02 ran the course in a time of 27:20 placing him 70th.

This weekend Hamilton hosts the NYSCTC championships, which should be a big advantage since the team already knows the course very well. If this race holds true to form, the team should have a good race this weekend. Two years ago, the team placed fourth in the state championships and last year they finished fifth. There will be teams from all over the state competing this weekend.

"It is a strong field, not quite as many national caliber runners though," said Hull, "and there are two nationally ranked teams and the competition should be good." Some of the teams competing include Alfred University, Brockport State, Buffalo State, SUNY Geneseo, Hartwick, Ithaca, NYU, SUNY Oswego, RPI, RIT, University of Rochester, Union and St. Lawrence.

"We know the course, it's wide open," said Hull, "All we have to do is go out and run the course better than ev-

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Dallas at NY Giants 11/4	Giants	Giants	Giants	Giants	Cowboys	Cowboys
Tampa Bay at Green Bay 11/4	Packers	Bucs	Packers	Packers	Packers	Bucs
Cleveland at Chicago 11/4	Bears	Browns	Bears	Bears	Bears	Bears
NY Jets at New Orleans 11/4	Saints	Saints	Saints	Jets	Saints	Jets
Baltimore at Pittsburgh 11/4	Ravens	Ravens	Steelers	Steelers	Steelers	Ravens
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Women's Soccer reaches State Final

Conts finish season on high note

by Charles Spiliotis '03
ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR

The Hamilton women's soccer team ended an up-and-down season by playing its best soccer of the year.

After sneaking into the state tournament by the skin of their teeth, the ladies proceeded to knock off Oswego State in the opening round, and then defeated the heavily favored and top seeded RPI Engineers 2-0 in the semifinals.

"RPI was a game we were very motivated for. They beat us 4-1 earlier in the year on their turf field, but we knew it would be a different game on the grass. They only had two losses all year long going in, and we just came out ready to play," said coach Melissa Eging.

The Continentals came out very aggressively, dominating the pace of the game right out of the gates.

Midway through the first half, Pam Ruggio '04 brought the ball down the right side, and a beautiful cross to fullback Kathryn Rose '04 left her only one defender to beat.

Rose blew by the dumbfounded defender and slotted it past the RPI keeper for the game's first goal.

After that, Hamilton kept up its pressure defensively and went into the locker room with a 1-0 lead.

"We knew RPI would come out in the second half and try to create some scoring opportunities right away. So we just did our best to play tough defense and take what they would give us," said Eging.

RPI did come out very aggressively and got a couple of scoring chances early.

Goalkeeper Jen Munoz '04 and the Hamilton defense hung tough, though, as they have all year long, and preserved the shutout. Hamilton grabbed an insurance marker when Anna Arnold '04 slipped behind the defense and Amanda Siepiola '02 found her for a very pretty shot to the far post late in the second.

The 2-0 final gave Hamilton an invitation to the NYSWCAA finals for the first time in the program's history to face-off against St. Lawrence.

The Saints came into the finals sporting a very solid 12-6-1 season record which included a 2-1 win at Hamilton during the regular season.

Eging commented, "We were caught back defensively during our first game with them, so we just worked on a couple of defensive schemes to try and stay aggressive get the win."

Hamilton once again came out with their best game, and started the scoring only 3:43 in. Jess Elliot '03 chipped a pass over the St. Lawrence defense to rookie sensation Mara Dropkin-Frank '05 for a breakaway goal, her team-leading eleventh of the year. Hamilton created several other scoring opportunities in the first half, but could not finish and its 1-0 cushion disappeared with just under four minutes remaining in the first half.

A perfect give-and-go between Saints Ashley Porter and Beth O'Donnell was too much for Munoz and the half ended with the two teams deadlocked at 1-1. The second half began much as the first had ended, with the teams sharing possession fairly evenly and both teams creating opportunities.

The dagger for Hamilton came at the 56:34 mark, when a direct kick from the 30-yard line got caught in the sun and blinded Munoz.

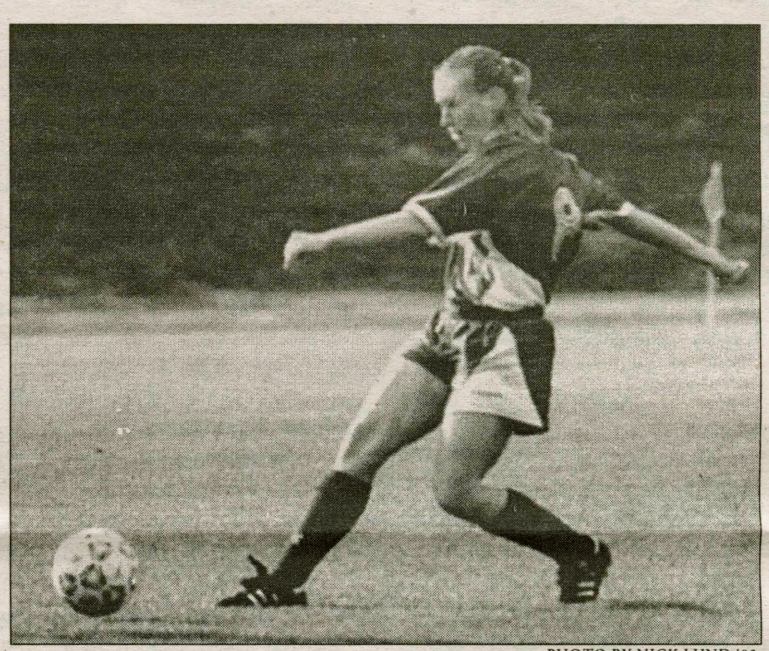
The ball bounced off her and trickled into the net for the eventual game-winner.

All the wind disappeared from Hamilton's sails after that, and Saint Lawrence held on for the 2-1 win.

"I'm really proud of the way we finished the year. We came out with 100% intensity and gave everything we had. It was very tough to lose the way we did, to end the year on a play like that, but I was still happy with everything we accomplished. I think we showed a lot of people outside of Hamilton that we can play," Eging added.

Whitney Kingsbury '02, commented, "It was definitely disappointing to lose in the finals after coming so close, but we ended up doing much more than we ever expected. We really turned it on at the end of the year, and in the tournament we were able to avenge a couple of losses from earlier this season, so I think in the end everyone was proud of what we accomplished."

Kingsbury, along with Elliot and Siepiola, were named to the NYSWCAA all-tournament team, and will graduate along with senior keeper Brenna Chiaputti.



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Midfielder Jess Beeson (#8) clears the ball up the field.

IM Football playoffs set to start Sunday

AD, DU, TDX and The Franchise top seeds

The four top teams in the Hamilton IM Football League butted heads in a span of four days this past week. The men of TDX took on The Franchise, and there was the much-anticipated battle between arch-rivals AD and DU.

BRETT ZALASKI

In the game between TDX and The Franchise on Sunday, the 27-0 score was not indicative of how the playoffs will go.

IM powerhouse TDX was playing without star quarterback Brent Lowinger '02, and had to rely on a plethora of inexperienced players against a solid Franchise defense.

The Franchise picked the quarterbacks five times, including four by IM newcomer Adam Lavallee '05.

The Franchise struck quickly as John Garrett '03 hooked up with Chuck Spiliotis '03 for the first of three long bombs Spiliotis would haul in.

On the ensuing kickoff, TDX tried a reverse field toss, a la Frank Wycheck, but the ball was knocked through the end zone for a safety, and a 9-0 lead, by Lavallee.

The Franchise scored on two more Garrett-Spiliotis long scoring connections to give The Franchise a 21-0 lead at the half.

An early second half toss from Garrett to Brett Zalaski '03 gave The Franchise an insurmountable 27-0 lead, and they never looked back as Lavallee closed out the game with a pick as time expired.

For the game Garrett completed 20-31 passes for 358 yards and four scores in his most impressive IM start to date.

Garrett also proved his athleticism rushing seven times for 68 yards, including four first downs. Chuck Spiliotis caught ten passes for 196 yards and three touchdowns.

Jay Morell '02 led TDX in passing and receiving, passing for 55 yards, and catching passes totaling 43 yards.

Besides Lavallee's four interceptions, solid defensive performances were put forth by linemen Sean Fair '03 and Jon Fehlman '03, and defensive back Chris Preston '03.

In perhaps the regular season game of the year, DU prevailed with a hard fought victory over AD, 27-24. The game ended with Mike Plunkett recording one of his game-high seven sacks on the 7-yard line to give DU the victory.

The game opened with Chris Rossi '03 scampering 30 yards for a touchdown, with lead blocking by Dan Kaufmann '03, who, as one bystander proclaimed, lost five pounds on the play.

AD quickly responded as Nick Wilson '02 completed a seven-yard TD pass to Doug Bellard '02. A missed extra point left DU with the early lead of 7-6. After DU went three and out, AD drove all the way downfield, but were thwarted at the goalline as Phil Farrow '03 intercepted Wilson and returned in 76 yards to set up a Rossi to Bill Weydemeyer '02 eight-yard touchdown toss.

AD once again returned fire on their next possession as Wilson connected with the ever-present Bellard again to bring the score to 13-12 with :23 seconds left in the half. But, DU used a good kickoff return by Weydemeyer, and their superior size to register a touchdown with :03 seconds left in the half.

Rossi threw a bomb to Ryan "Gantor" MacAvery who tipped the ball to himself over the defenders for a touchdown to put DU up 20-12 at halftime.

AD broke out a little trickery after the half as they recovered an onside kick.

This led to yet another Wilson to Bellard touchdown as AD brought the score to 20-18 shortly after half. DU responded with another Rossi-Weydemeyer touchdown pass to bring the score to 27-18. AD would not quit as they responded yet again as Wilson hit Bellard for a touchdown with three minutes remaining to bring the score to 27-24.

After a three and out series by DU, AD drove all the way to the seven yard line. On third down, Bellard came precariously close to ending DU's undefeated streak as a high pass just squirted through his outstretched hands.

On the next play, Plunkett sacked Wilson, and AD's hopes, as DU ran out the clock on a tight 27-24 victory.

Quarterbacks Rossi and Wilson had fantastic games considering the rainy conditions.

Rossi went 23-40 with 376 yards, and 3 scores. Wilson went 20-39 for 357 yards and 4 touchdowns.

In a battle of two of the best receivers in the league, MacAvery caught eight passes for 97 yards and one touchdown, and Bellard caught 12 passes for 202 yards and four touchdowns.

Although undermanned, and having already played a soccer game earlier in the day, AD fought valiantly, and proved they will be a force come playoff time.

With their respective wins this past weekend, DU and The Franchise solidified the number 1 and 2 spots for the playoffs, DU with no losses, and The Franchise with one loss.

TDX will not be overlooked, as their full squad is very talented, and has a lot of playoff experience. All in all, the IM football season is preparing itself for what looks to be an excellent playoff season.

Sports

Men's Soccer puts hope in the hands of the committee

Continentals continue winning streak in run for NCAA bid

by Josh Sargen '05
SPORTS WRITER

Entering the first weekend of November, the Hamilton men's soccer team knows they can control only the outcomes of soccer games.

Unfortunately the team will not claim the automatic bid that accompanies a conference championship in the NCAA tournament.

However, the team can still earn one of five at-large bids. To do this, the Continentals know they must go undefeated down the stretch.

Defeating Hobart and SUNY Cortland has brought the team closer to earning one of those five desperately sought after slots.

A superb defensive effort against Hobart ensured a 1-0 victory for Hamilton. The Statesmen were only able to get off three shots against a stifling backfield.

Coach Perry Nizzi said, "I'm happy the defense allowed three shots and only two corner kicks. It was a real impressive effort limiting them to those opportunities."

Furthermore, the Continentals got important defensive contributions from six players. Sweeper Huy Huynh '03 led the effort with help from Nick Wilson '02, Jared Fox '03, Nick Sarro-Waite '03, James Park '04, and Craig Li '04.

"They did a great job of marking and not allowing opportunities around the goal," Nizzi said.

Offensively, the Continentals were not as effective. Striker Wes Sherman '04 produced the lone goal, approximately eighteen minutes into the game. Following that score, the Continentals did little to put Hobart away.

Coach Nizzi attributed the lackluster performance to Hamilton's game's time and place, "It's tough for us with midweek home games to be mentally ready to play. The players are not allowed to miss class so some of them come out five to ten minutes before the game. They have not warmed up and they're a little sluggish."

Against SUNY Cortland, the Continentals came out in a completely different fashion, gaining a 3-0 lead 27 minutes into the game.

Sherman got on the board once again scoring seventeen minutes into the game on a pass from Sky Gellatly. Less than a minute later, Gellatly tallied an unassisted goal.

Mike Signorelli '05 scored on a leaping header from Sherman nine minutes later to put Hamilton in a seemingly secure position.

The Red Dragons, however, had other ideas about Hamilton's comfortable lead. Five minutes after Signorelli's goal, Andy Davis capitalized on a penalty kick making the score 3-1.

With four minutes remaining in the half, Cortland's leading scorer, Samir Sisic, brought his team within one goal of the Continentals.

Suddenly, an apparently insurmountable lead turned into a one-goal battle right before halftime.

Coach Nizzi commented, "I was very, very upset. Those goals could have cost us the game. They had the wind to their backs in the second half and their aggressive style could have gotten to us."

Fortunately, the 3-2 lead did not evaporate and the Continentals kept their composure in the second half.

Gellatly put the game away at the eighty-five minute mark, ensuring Hamilton of their eleventh win of the season.

All the team has left before making their postseason travel plans is a game this Wednesday against Nazareth and a Sunday night filled with anxiousness as the selection committee chooses five teams to fill up the conference associated at-large bids.

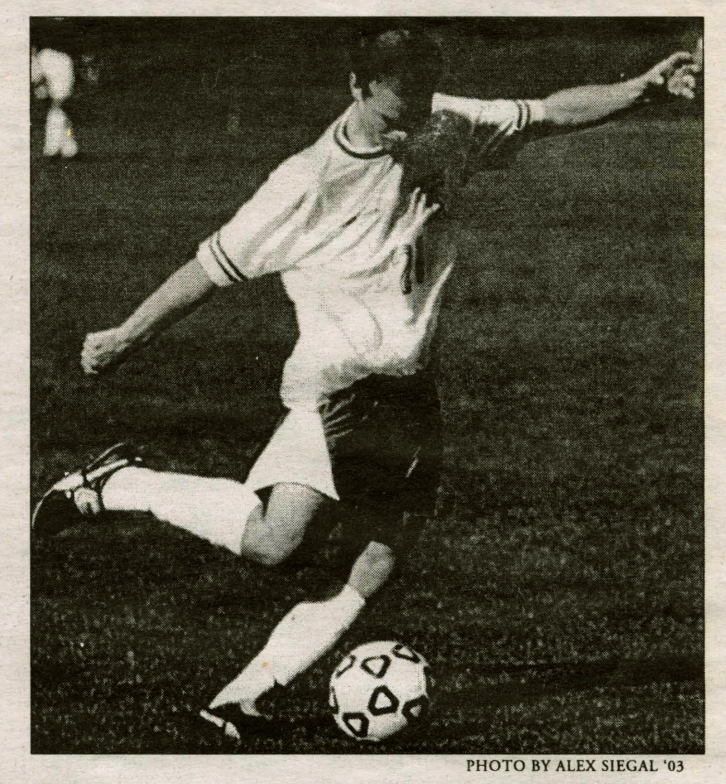

PHOTO BY ALEX SIEGAL '03

After yesterday's win over the Nazareth College Golden Flyers, the 12-2 men's soccer team must wait until Sunday night to find out if a place in the NCAA Division III tournament is in its future.

The hurdles are certainly not small but nevertheless they are surmountable.

Nazareth is a difficult team that defeated Hamilton 2-1 last year. Despite losing that game, the Continentals outshot their opponent twenty-seven to three.

Coach Nizzi described Nazareth as a team who, "packs it in defensively and then counterattacks effectively. They are well coached and are always scary."

If Hamilton wins on Wednesday, they will place themselves in a solid position for an at-large bid.

At 12-2, with wins over quality teams such as nationally ranked Middlebury, the Continentals will have done all they can do to be selected by the committee.

On Sunday, Hamilton will see if that was enough to earn a bid to the big dance.

Fourth place finish for Women's X-C

by Michael Everhart '02
SPORTS WRITER

Last weekend the women's cross-country team finished fourth in the NESCAC Championships at Bowdoin College behind champion Middlebury, Williams, and Amherst. Middlebury has finished first for four consecutive years.

Coach Ellen Hull said, "We ran pretty well overall against some very tough competition, although some people were slowed by illness. We went into the meet ranked fourth in the NESCAC and finished fourth overall."

The continentals finished with 133 points, nine ahead of Trinity and 35 behind Amherst. In front of a hometown crowd co-captain Maggie Hanson '02 finished first overall with a time of 17:25, a new course record and 17 seconds ahead of Williams' Julia Bensen.

"The weekend was a great experience overall for the team. The meet was run well, there was a guy riding a bike in front of the runners for the entire race, and the spectators, including some Hamilton alumni, were great," said Hanson. "Joan Benoit Samuelson, a Bowdoin graduate and Olympic marathon champion, was at the awards ceremony, which was pretty neat."

Also earning first-team all-NESCAC distinction was Jen Cammarano '03, who finished seventh overall with a time of 18:06, just two seconds behind Middlebury's second runner, Jess Manzer.

Cammarano has finished in the top ten at NESCAC's in each of her three years. Finishing third on the team was Annie Toth '02, who finished nineteenth overall with a time of 18:54, just one second behind Williams' fourth runner.

Freshmen Margo Rockwell and Julianna Allport rounded out the top five and finished fifty-third and sixty-first with times of 19:43 and 19:51, respectively.

"Unlike the weather in upstate New York, it was 50 degrees at Bowdoin, which made the meet even more enjoyable, although certain parts of the course didn't have very good footing," said Hull.

The trio of Emily Cooper '05, Maura Boyle '04, and Ruth Leoniuk '05 finished 98th, 105th, and 110th with times of 20:36, 20:44, and 20:51.

Rounding out the team was the quartet of Lara Clemenzi '04, Emily Lemanczyk '05, Molly Wilson '05, and Greer Mahoney '05, which finished 116th to 128th with times ranging from 21:19 to 22:25.

Tomorrow the Continentals host the NYSCTC Championships, which will include rivals SUNY Geneseo, Ithaca, St. Lawrence, and Union.

Teams can only enter ten runners tomorrow after being limited to 12 runners last weekend. The team goes into the meet ranked 19th nationally, while Geneseo and Ithaca are ranked 16th and 18th, respectively. Last year the team also hosted the NYSCTC's and finished third behind Ithaca and Geneseo, with Cammarano finishing third overall.

Hanson said, "This weekend should be a very competitive meet, with the teams at the top all very talented. Ithaca and Geneseo have faced each other several times this season with both teams winning at least once."

Hanson added, "This weekend is a good preview for Regionals next weekend. The season's gone very well for us so far, and the team's really starting to focus on the important upcoming meets."

Next weekend the team will compete in the Atlantic Regional Championships in New York City.

Crew team finishes strong at Head of the Schuylkill

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Imagine a gleaming, white, delicate boat, which, in its smallest form is twenty-five feet in length and carries only a single rower.

Imagine over one thousand of such singles, as well as countless doubles, fours, and eights, each bigger than the one before, gathered along the banks of the Schuylkill River in Philadelphia, PA.

Now imagine five of the Hamilton crew team's boats among them, vying for a place of glory and achievement in the prestigious Head of the Schuylkill Regatta, which took place on Saturday, October 27.

This past weekend, the Varsity and Novice crew teams traveled to Philadelphia to take part in this exciting regatta, which was the first time that the full team competed in the same event this fall.

The races were exhilarating, as each boat had to contend with a nearly ninety-degree turn in addition to a difficult bridge combination.

The results were even more exciting. Both the Men's and Women's Novice Eights placed comfortably in the middle of their respective categories, with the men coming in 29th out of 46, and the women placing 31st out of 48.

The Men's and Women's Varsity Open Eights did somewhat better in their races, with the men coming in 17th out of 41.

Led by coxswain Reid Anderson '02, and Kevin Hall '04, they raced in the new "Houli" for the first time.

They were joined by Ian Lawson '03, a teammate who is currently participating in the Washington D.C. program.

The Varsity Women, led by coxswain Sarah Edeiken '03, and stroke Liz Lamdin '03, placed 24th out of 41 after putting up a good fight against a challenge from another boat and

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